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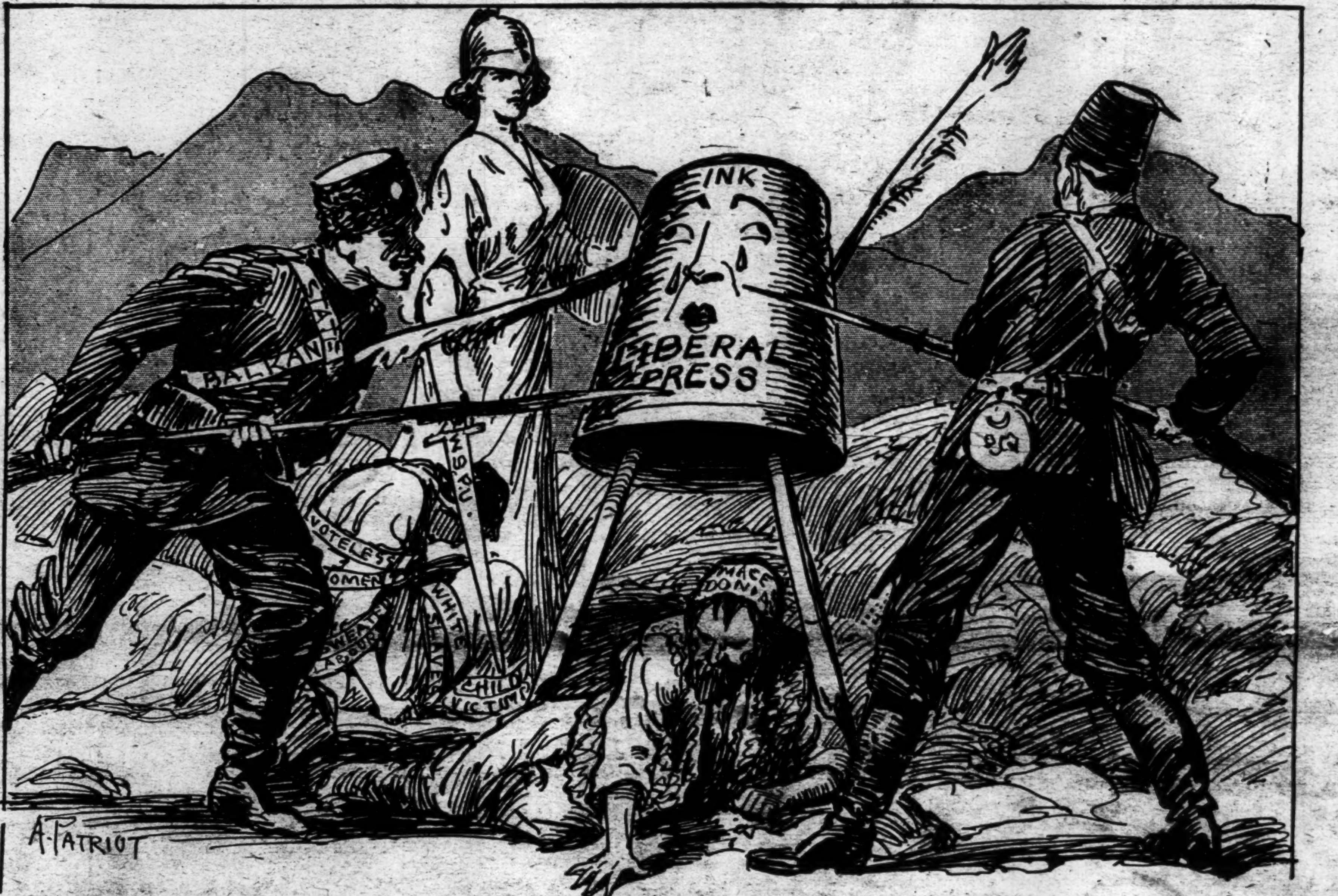

LIBERAL PRESS (*To Turkey*): **You can't blame him for wanting to fight. Remove his grievance and give political freedom to his brother in Macedonia if you wish to have peace.**

W.S.P.U. (*Aside*): **Why doesn't he say that to the British Government about me?**

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK

The Government, having nearly killed Miss Gladys Evans, ordered her release from Mountjoy Prison. Thus has ended the second of the two sentences of five years' penal servitude. Miss Evans, on the three days preceding her release, was nerved by indignation to make a wonderful struggle against feeding by violence. Great is the rejoicing at her release. Like her comrade, Mrs. Leigh, she has shown the invincible spirit and immovable purpose of the women who have entered upon the fight for the vote.

The Government Again Persecute Mrs. Leigh

Mrs. Leigh is only just recovering from the illness and prostration caused by forcible feeding, but the Government are returning to the attack. Instead of wiping out the iniquitous sentence of five years' penal servitude the Government have released her on licence, and now they are claiming that she shall report herself weekly to the police like any ordinary criminal out on leave, and are seeking to prevent her returning to Ireland. When the terms of her release were read out to Mrs. Leigh, she said, "That is waste-paper." Instead of having the wisdom to take heed of her words, the Government are threatening to arrest her. Have not the Government found out yet that they cannot get the better of a militant Suffragist! This latest act of persecution will fail, as did the plan of passing sentence of penal servitude.

The Release of Mr. Mark Wilks

Another whom we have cordially to welcome back to liberty is Mr. Mark Wilks. His is yet another case in which the Government have to confess failure ignominious and complete. They are to be asked to explain to the House of Commons, firstly, why they sent Mr. Wilks to prison, and secondly, why they let him out. Can it be that the whole transaction is the first step in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's promised campaign for Votes for Women! Mr. Wilks's imprisonment has incidentally thrown light upon the liability of a husband to pay income tax upon his wife's income, an injustice which involves hardship sometimes to the husband and sometimes to the wife. But the main evil in question is the disfranchisement of women, and in some quarters this main issue has been wilfully overlooked, as, for example, by the *Times*, which describes Mr. Wilks's imprisonment as a blunder which has been admitted by his release, but says, with evident reference to Woman Suffrage, that it is unable to agree with "most of Dr. Elizabeth Wilks's arguments in defence of her share in the incident."

Is Forcible Feeding Illegal?

In an article in the *Irish Times* of October 5, the well-known barrister, Mr. Tobias questions the legality of forcible feeding, and says, commenting upon the Lord Chief Justice's decision that it is, "With the utmost deference to that most learned judge, it is submitted that the question is not so easy as he would have us believe." Mr. Tobias, pointing out that the case of Leigh v. Gladstone and others, in which the Lord Chief Justice gave his decision, never went beyond its first hearing, expresses the opinion that the matter is one "of such very great difficulty and importance that it deserves the consideration of the highest tribunal—the House of Lords." We are convinced that forcible feeding is illegal, but there is little prospect of testing the issue in the House of Lords, because forcible feeding is doomed; for this odious form of assault, besides being condemned by medical experts, by the Press, and by the public, has been found in practice to involve grave danger to the life of the victims.

How to Deal with Suffragist Criminals

The *Irish Times*, after describing the release of Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans as a notable victory, says, "Two female convicts have made the important discovery that if you have the fortitude to starve yourself, 'Stone walls do not a prison make,'" and says further that the Government's inability to cope with the problem is producing an intolerable situation, because it "establishes a class of dangerous and unpunishable criminals." The *Irish Times* continues:—

> . . . . however perplexing the task may be of finding a more effective way to deal with suffragist criminals, the Government must face it without delay. Napoleon said that armies march on their stomachs. But even Napoleon's genius did not foresee the victories which the twentieth century had in store for that organ.

Forcible feeding having failed, is it not obvious that the "more effective way to deal with Suffragist criminals" is for the Government to give them the vote, and thereby to stop provoking them to "crime"?

More Violence

The Liberals of Scotland have been following the example set at Llanystumdwy, and the women who at Edinburgh asked Sir Rufus Isaacs to give them the vote were savagely attacked by kicks and blows and obscene language. Sir Rufus Isaacs's speech positively invited Suffragist interjections. Thus he spoke of the British being a law-abiding people, not given to violent rebellion, "so long as there are constitutional means to redress their grievances." After watching the violent ejection of the Suffragists, Sir Rufus Isaacs said, "These women are merely stiffening and hardening the people who are against them." We would remind Sir Rufus Isaacs that if he and other Ministers who profess to be for us were stiff enough and hard enough, the Anti-Suffragist minority in the Cabinet would yield and militant methods would not be needed. His words were obviously meant to convey the false suggestion that the ejected Suffragists were in the wrong, whereas it was his partisans who infringed the rules of orderly public meeting by their brutality and violence.

Mr. Asquith Afraid of Ulster

Mr. Asquith has been announcing that he will not yield to Ulster, but he has carefully and significantly abstained from saying what else he means to do. The fact is that if Ulster means business he must either yield or fight. But as we have seen, the Government are afraid to punish Sir Edward Carson and his followers. Mr. Pease, a Cabinet Minister, and Mr. Gulland, the Scottish Liberal Whip, have both said that Sir Edward Carson ought to be prosecuted, but that the Government are afraid that riots may ensue. Sir Rufus Isaacs has said that he does not believe that there will be an Ulster rebellion, but he does not say how the Government will cope with it if there is.

Unionist Rebels Grow More Defiant

Encouraged by the Government's inaction the Unionist militants become more and more bold. Mr. F. E. Smith has announced the formation of a rebel navy to carry armed rebels from England to the seat of Civil War in Ulster, and has said that Lord Charles Beresford will be in command of it. Sir Edward Carson is taunting the Government with being afraid, and has said, referring to the speeches of Mr. Pease and Mr. Gulland:—

> The only reason they gave as to why I am not prosecuted was that if I were there might be riots. It is the most extraordinary reason for not carrying out the law that I ever heard. What is the meaning of all this? The meaning is that the game is up.

"If it is a Crime"

The reports of Sir Edward Carson's speeches form quite a text-book on militancy. Declaring his readiness to suffer punishment for his defiance of law, he says:—

> If they like to prosecute me over this matter, all I can say is that I shall tell the Court when I am brought before it, and I am asked to plead guilty or not guilty, I shall say: "Sir (or my lord, whoever it may be) if it is a crime to strain every nerve and to invite every other man to strain every nerve, to preserve the people of Ireland in the rights to which they were born under the Imperial Parliament, and to tell them that they are entitled to go to any lengths to preserve those rights; if, my lord, that is a crime, I am guilty. Do your worst."

Again, Sir Edward Carson has said:—

> He would like to ask the Attorney-General this question: Did he lay down that free men must submit to any Act because it is passed by the Government of the day? No man could lay that down. . . . Supposing some horrible reactionary Tory aristocratic Government said it would be more convenient for them to take away the franchise from the great majority of the working class and passed a Bill, did the Attorney-General mean to say that the working class would not be justified in rising in their masses, and saying they were determined to go to any length to prevent that being taken away?

They could see, said Sir Edward Carson, how close that came to Ulster's case. It comes very much nearer to women's case.

Irish Suffragist Victimised

Certain Irish Unionists who oppose Home Rule on the ground that it will lead to political and religious intolerance, have made a disgraceful display of intolerance by victimising the Chairman of the Irish Women's Franchise League. Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington recently served a sentence of imprisonment in connection with a political protest against the exclusion of women from the Home Rule Bill. Her husband is one of the brave men Suffragists who, at grave risk, confronted the Prime Minister at the meeting in the Dublin Theatre Royal. To show how absolutely without justification her dismissal is, we would point out that her protest and imprisonment occurred during the vacation, and in no way interfered with the performance of her duty as teacher. The dismissal of Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington because of her political views and opinions does more to explain the opposition of Unionists to Home Rule than anything we have heard of for a long time.

Militant Doctors

Militancy has triumphed again—this time in the case of the doctors. They have gone on strike against the terms proposed for their acceptance under the Insurance Bill. The whole Insurance scheme is threatened. It is now stated that Mr. Lloyd George is yielding to this militant pressure, and that he has asked the Cabinet to approve the grant of an additional million or more for the payment of increased capitation fees for medical service under the Insurance Act. If the doctors had not resorted to militancy they would have had to accept the conditions first offered to them. Once again we see a fighting policy vindicated.

War Declared

The people of Montenegro have declared war against Turkey, for the emancipation of their co-religionists in Macedonia. Despairing of a peaceful settlement of the difficulty, the Montenegrins have taken to militancy, and at the moment of going to press it is generally believed that the other Balkan States will not long abstain from following their example, if they have not already done so. Now will the theory of the Anti-Suffragists that war concerns only men be put to a tragic test. Mr. Brailsford, writing in the *Daily News*, speaks of the fearful prospect that confronts the women in this war—of their being driven to choose between violation by the enemy and death in the cold snows of the mountains. War is more cruel to women than to men. (We deal with this subject more fully on page 23.)

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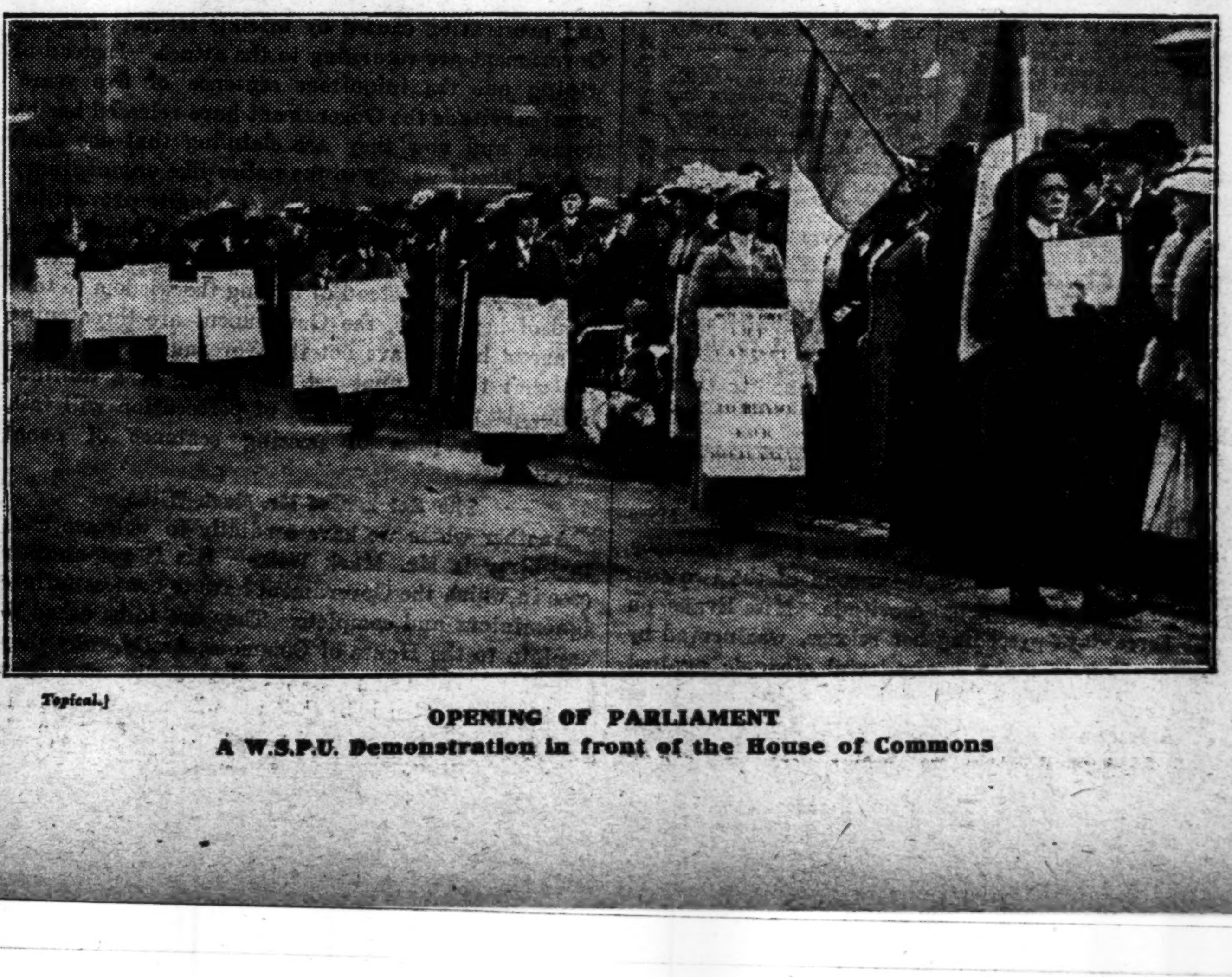

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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT
A W.S.P.U. Demonstration in front of the House of Commons

GOVERNMENT BURGLARS

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence

Surrey to Wit Sir Benjamin Vincent Sellon Brodie, Bart., Sheriff of the said County to George Minter Frieake and Henry Jones and Henry Cantwell their Assistant.

My Bailiffs greeting. By virtue of a Writ of our Sovereign Lord the King, to me directed and delivered bearing date the 19th day of August 1912 I command you or one of you that of the Goods and Chattels of Frederick William Pethick Lawrence in my Bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of £893 5s. 2d. which said sum of money were lately before our said Sovereign Lord the King in His Majesty's High Court of Justice in the matter of the prosecution of Emmeline Pankhurst and Frederick William Pethick Lawrence and In the matter of the Cost in Criminal Cases Act 1908 Section 6 by an order of the Central Criminal Court bearing date the 14th day of May 1912 ordered to be paid by the said Emmeline Pankhurst and Frederick William Pethick Lawrence to the Director of Public Prosecutions certain costs in the said order mention and which costs have been allowed at a sum of £893 5s. 2d. so that I may have that money before His said Majesty in His High Court of Justice immediately after the execution hereof to be paid to the said Director of Public Prosecutions as required by the said Writ and that you do all such things as by the Statute passed in the second year of the reign of Queen Victoria I am authorised and required to do in this behalf.

And in what manner you shall have executed this Warrant certify to me immediately after the execution hereof. Hereof fail not.

Given under the Seal of my Office the 19th day of August 1912.

By the Sheriff
BENJAMIN VINCENT SELLON BRODIE
BART.

So runs the Execution Warrant by virtue of which the Government have burgled The Mascot, my house at Holmwood, and propose shortly to dispose of their stolen goods!

Let me briefly recall the events which have led up to this situation. It was at nine o'clock in the evening of March 5 that the police came to Clement's Inn armed with a warrant for my wife and myself and Christabel Pankhurst to charge us with conspiracy in conjunction with Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Tuke, who were then in prison. The Government, whose works are evil, chose the hours of darkness, but their craft proved their own undoing, for they lost in this way Christabel Pankhurst, who escaped to France. Mrs. Tuke was released after the hearing in the Police Court. The three prisoners who were left—Mrs. Pankhurst, my wife, and myself—were tried at the Old Bailey on May 14 and five subsequent days and found guilty, but the jury put in a special plea for leniency on account of "purity of motive." The judge, however, not only sentenced us to nine months in the second division, but took the wholly unusual course of imposing on Mrs. Pankhurst and myself the whole cost of the prosecution.

I do not propose to go into the story of our imprisonment, except to say that during the first four weeks while I was allowed occasional visits from my solicitor I was informed that the bill of costs had not been presented by the Government. On June 20 I adopted the hunger strike, on June 27 I was released after five days' forcible feeding, because the Government did not think I could live if they kept me longer in prison. After a few days at home, unable to get about, my wife and I went to Switzerland, and then recrossed England on our way to Canada. During the whole of that time we were far too ill to attend to business, and had been ordered three months' complete rest by our doctors. Imagine our amazement on our arrival on the west coast of Canada to hear of a rumour which appeared in the Canadian papers that the Government had placed bailiffs in our house to recover £893 5s. 2d., the costs of the prosecution!

The facts which we have learnt on our return were as follows: The Treasury, failing to get the money from Mr. Marshall, our solicitor, decided on extreme measures, and on Wednesday, August 21, our two maid-servants, who were in the house, were startled by the appearance of three men who claimed immediate admittance. They said they came on behalf of the Sheriff of Surrey, and that two of them would be quartered in the house, and that unless the money was forthcoming a sale would be held. One of the servants at once went to a neighbouring house, where a friend of Mrs. Lawrence was living, and on her arrival the warrant was shown, the text of which is given at the head of this article. She also learnt that for every day that the bailiffs stayed they would not only charge payment, but that unless food was provided them they would also charge for their keep.

A friend of mine whom I had asked to look after my business affairs in my absence, was then recalled to London from his holiday in Cornwall, and interviewed the Treasury, and pointed out to them the outrageous course they were taking. They refused to remove the bailiffs, but evidently fearing that their high-handed action could not be maintained, consented to delay proceedings until my return. Meanwhile, the costs of their presence are steadily mounting up.

The day after I reached London I received a letter from the Treasury informing me that I must make payment before Monday, October 7, or a sale would be carried out. To this letter I have sent no reply, and I am awaiting the next step which the Government may take.

I have at least this satisfaction, that the Government have, as usual, lost by their excessive cleverness. Swooping down upon The Mascot in holiday time, so as to avoid publicity, they found the house being repaired, with much of the old furnishings gone, and the new ones not bought. Had they waited till I returned they might have secured a larger "swag."

I do not know what the next move of the Government will be; if they proceed to a sale they will have to give at least a short notice, but it may take place before the next paper goes to press. My wife and I shall, of course, be present, and shall address the crowd, and we shall be glad of the support which will be given us by the presence of the members of the Union. If anyone wishes to be informed of the date by letter, and will send my wife name and address, we will let them know as soon as we hear.

OTHER CLAIMS

In addition to the above claim on Mr Lawrence there is a further sum of £206 8s. 3d. demanded by the London County Council on account of bringing the prosecution witnesses to the trial.

In addition there is a judgment obtained at the Westminster County Court on July 29 by Jules Richard of £15, and £57 10s. 11d. costs on account of a window broken by Miss Swain. This is against Mrs. Pethick Lawrence as well as against Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. Lawrence. An attempt was made to levy execution at The Mascot, but the Government bailiffs were already in possession. If, however, the sale should cover the whole of the £893 5s. 2d. and expenses, this further execution will be effected.

In addition, an action is being brought by the West End Clothiers and about fifty other firms to recover damage for various windows. The first stage of this action will take place shortly, but the trial will probably not be for some months.

In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been served during the past week with four separate writs from the Whitehouse Linen Specialists, Limited, Robinson and Cleaver, Limited, Swan and Edgar, Limited, and Swears and Wells, Limited.

Other legal proceedings are also threatened by other firms.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

London Meetings

During this important Parliamentary Session, when much may happen of vital concern to Suffragists, the weekly London meetings are of paramount importance. At the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, on Monday afternoon next, October 14, at 3.15, the speakers will be Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Georgina Brackenbury, and Miss Evelyn Sharp. Owing to the Albert Hall meeting there will be no meeting at the Steinway Hall on Thursday, October 17.

Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

This department of the W.S.P.U. will remain in its old quarters at 156, Charing Cross Road, until after Christmas, but telephone messages will be received at Lincoln's Inn House: Holborn 2724.

Albert Hall Stewards

The names of intending stewards for the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, October 17, should be sent in at once to Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway. A large number will be required, and arrangements must be completed almost at once. Members only are eligible. They should be at the Hall not later than 6 p.m., wearing white, if possible, and the colours.

The Christmas Presents Sale

Readers are reminded that the "Housewarming" of the new premises, in the form of a Christmas Sale, is drawing near. The Sale, the arrangements of which have been kindly undertaken by Miss Vibert, Miss Fargus, and Miss Goodliffe, will begin on December 1, and will be continued until Christmas. This will enable members and their friends to buy most of their Christmas presents at Lincoln's Inn House. But before there is any talk of buying and selling, there is a great deal of work to be done! And this is where each individual member's help is needed. The articles for the Sale must be useful and dainty—suitable for presents. They can be made in white or in the colours, and there is a wide choice in needlework, leather work, carving, painting, and all the other arts and crafts. Others who have less leisure may prefer to *give* beautiful or useful things, or to supply farm produce, or to make the ever acceptable cakes and boxes of sweets. Decide what you will give, and set about it quickly!

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SUFFRAGE PLAYS AT THE COURT THEATRE

"Arabella," by Mr. George Reston Malloch

Arabella had missed her vocation. Marrying in a moment of youthful infatuation, the end of five years found her disillusioned and disappointed. The world of intellect and of activities allured her, and a bridge-playing, motoring set was instead her portion. Here Arabella made a mistake, and thought that a lover would give her the freedom and the wider life she craved. That Philip Ronaldson was not the man she imagined it did not take long to discover, and the elopement ended in a trip by herself on the Continent. An officious friend conveying to her the passionate expressions of regret and desire for reunion uttered by her husband in the first anguish of bereavement, she returned to entreat forgiveness of her momentary lapse. But the interval had given Thomas Wentmore time to reflect on the injury done his honoured family name by this hint of scandal, and her reception was one of the coldest. She was shown the door, and her husband filed a petition for divorce. Appearances were all against Arabella, and we find her in the last act, the decree having been made absolute, installed in a cosy flat. Thither come the three men who are most deeply interested in her—her husband, her would-be lover, and her old and trusted friend. All have listened to gossip concerning her good name, and the ugly rumours of her way of life are confirmed by her comfortable circumstances and her frequent male visitors. All wish to rescue her from the life that seems to them inevitable for a beautiful and lonely woman. All three, in a delightfully original scene, offer her marriage, to be met with the tidings that Arabella needs no assistance. Taking advantage of her early training as an architect, she has found "clients," and is happy in her work and her freedom. Mr. Malloch expresses the modern woman's point of view admirably and entertainingly, and his play should gain wide support in Suffrage circles. Miss Kenmore gave an interesting study of Arabella.

"Arabella" was preceded by Miss Mabel Capper's one-act tragedy, "The Betrothal of No. 13." A little waif is loved by and loves her employer's son. The disclosure of the pitiful tale of betrayal and false accusation that led to her imprisonment in cell No. 13 only draws her lover closer to her, but his mother drives her out to starve. In his pursuit of her the young man is killed, and we are left to imagine the fate of No. 13. Mr. Campbell played the young lover with great sincerity, and Miss Dulcie Greatwich was very engaging, though somewhat overweighted, as the heroine.

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SIR RUFUS ISAACS AT EDINBURGH

An Eye-Witness writes to us:—

I am amazed and ashamed that such treatment should be meted out to women in the heart of my beloved Scotland, the land of so-called religious and political liberty, in the very city of Jenny Geddes herself, where liberty and justice are supposed to be embedded in the hearts of her people, and from ancestors who fought for the same principles that the women are fighting for to-day. May Friday night's happenings be hid from the shades of our forefathers! Every woman who was treated thus had in mind the message that had come down the centuries, and was inspired by it, notwithstanding bruised limbs and torn clothing.

Before entering the Synod Hall I was conscious of a peculiar feeling of expectation and concealed excitement that pervaded the atmosphere. In the queues outside everyone was looking for Suffragettes. On entering, I heard the inspiring strains of "Scots Wha Hae," and I took my seat with the following words stealing into my mind and heart, bringing their message of courage and strength and high purpose:

> "Wha would be a traiter knave,
> Wha would fill a coward's grave,
> Wha sae base as be a slave,
> Let him turn and flee."

Sir Rufus Isaacs had been speaking about five minutes when a pretty, quiet-looking girl got up and asked a question, with the usual result. Stewards rushed in a panic, and amid a scene of great confusion she was ejected. As she went out I heard her shout, "Good luck, girls! Keep on fighting!" A man in the gallery (an "anti," I learned later) stood up and shouted, "We don't treat women like that in Scotland," and, no doubt much to his surprise, he was violently and brutally ejected. The meeting had just settled down again when another woman got up, and she was run out of the hall with great force.

The interruptions went on magnificently, and with splendid courage, at intervals. One of the women had her hat pulled off, and her hair tugged; she was also brutally kicked, the men round about seeming to lose control of themselves completely. Another got a terrible blow on the ribs from a man.

The women were brave and splendid, and I was proud of my Edinburgh sisters. Sir Rufus Isaacs was asked indignantly by one of them: "Are you not ashamed to take money from your political opponents?" He had a bad three-quarters of an hour, and was obviously at a disadvantage, and extremely uncomfortable.

An Interrupter writes:—

As an exhibition of savage ferocity on the part of an infuriated Liberal crowd, Sir Rufus Isaacs' meeting, which took place here on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Synod Hall, is perhaps unparalleled in the annals of Scottish political history. Savagery was evidently premeditated, as a large horde of stewards were engaged in scanning the faces of the women who ventured to the meeting, and in warning those who, in their opinion, looked like Suffragettes, that they would get severe handling if any disturbances were made.

The large Hall was nearly filled, the audience consisting largely of men who appreciated, as did the Suffragettes present, the opening of the proceedings by the militant song, "Scots Wha Hae." To me "Wha will be a traitor knave? Wha can fill a coward's grave? Wha sae base as be a slave? Let him turn and flee!" sounded particularly appropriate, and gave renewed inspiration for the part I intended to take in the proceedings. Really, Liberals should choose songs at their political meetings not intended to incite hearers to deeds of daring; besides, the principle of fighting against injustice, chains and slavery, is surely foreign to the Liberal mind.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. G. Price, M.P., Member for Central Edinburgh, who introduced Sir Rufus Isaacs in a short speech to an audience who had to be roused to enthusiasm by a prominent local Liberal in the front seats, who shouted to them to rise and do the speaker honour.

Hardly five minutes had elapsed, just sufficient to let the speaker pass a few remarks on the Insurance Bill and make a rather weak joke on the Maternity Benefit, when the voice of one of our brave women was heard protesting. Immediately she was surrounded by a crowd of stewards and dragged out. Altogether nine interruptions were made, stretching over three-quarters of an hour. The cries of the Liberal savages were horrible, all sorts of cruel and gross remarks were called out as one by one the women were ejected. Kicks were freely given, hats were torn off and thrown among the crowd, sticks were used, and attempts were made to choke the women. One of the women in the front seats got a severe blow in the ribs from a well-dressed man, supposed to be a teacher prominent in local Liberalism, another woman was crippled by a savage kick on the thigh, and another had her coat torn right down from the collar.

Sympathisers were there, but seemed too much afraid of their ferocious brethren to tender their sympathy openly. The gentleman who called out after the first interuption, "We don't do that in Scotland,' has experienced that in Scotland they go as far as they do in Wales. Had there not been a large body of police present, who took each interrupter in charge at the door of the Hall, the injuries would have been even more serious.

MR. MCKINNON WOOD AT GLASGOW

A correspondent writes:—

I do not know quite how it happened that a Cabinet Minister spoke in Glasgow last Friday, October 4, at an open meeting (the annual meeting of a Permissive Bill Temperance Association). Tickets were sold to anyone who applied—no pledge or name being asked for. So it was a comparatively easy matter for four of us to find ourselves in good seats, six or eight rows from the front. But I will not say it was a pleasant experience to interrupt the meeting. The St. Andrew's Hall was full—there were certainly 3,000 people there. It was a terrible ordeal to wait through the half-dozen speeches that preceded Mr. McKinnon Wood's. I had an uneasy feeling that it would seem rude to interrupt a speaker, and in my innocence I fancied that after the first interruption we should be told that questions would be answered at the close of the meeting. But all such illusions were soon dispelled. When our women were put out, I saw that question time would never have come as far as we were concerned. The first, who said "the way to help temperance is to give women the vote," got out pretty easily. The second had a blow from a temperate gentleman. Then Mr. McKinnon Wood said, "I suppose these interruptions must occur, and the interrupters must be put out, but please put them out as gently and quietly as possible, and don't keep up the interruption after they are gone," and I soon saw that the last injunction was the one which was thoroughly genuine on his part, as he waited each time until the woman was out, and then continued his speech without the smallest reference to the women or to Suffrage. When the third interrupter began, a man in the row behind her reached forward and took her by the shoulders, bent her backward over her seat, and held his handkerchief over her mouth until the stewards came, and most of the audience laughed. By that time I had no more scruples, and thought no more about the many acquaintances besides me in the audience or looking down on me from the platform, and when Mr. McKinnon Wood said, "Release yourselves from the thrall," I was on my feet, and calling out, "Release yourselves from the thrall of Mr. Asquith, Mr. McKinnon Wood, and give women the vote!" Then a policeman and a steward came for me, but I got out quite easily. I said to the men as I went up the aisle, "If you dare lay a finger on me I shall have you arrested for assault," so I only encountered a little intemperate language. To me the moral of all this is that the women who work for temperance are to some extent to blame. They formed half of that huge audience, and were also on the platform. They had only to say the word, and he would have had to define his position in regard to Votes for Women.

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DEMOCRATIC GEMS FROM THE LIBERAL CABINET

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We received the mandate from the people of this country . . . to secure equal electoral rights to every citizen in the country, and we shall not stop in our task until we have performed to the full the duty with which we have been entrusted by the public.—**Mr. McKenna at Abergavenny.**

"The Whole People"

In a democratic country such as ours no law can pass on to the Statute-book without the consent of a majority of the elected representatives of the whole people. Democracy supplied in this way, what never existed before, a safeguard and a sanction for the sovereignty of law. For if a law is bad, if it is proved by experience to be injurious in its working or oppressive in its operations, if it was passed by representatives who miscontrued the mandate they had received from the people, it can always by the same machinery which passed it be altered, amended, or repealed.—**The Prime Minister at Ladybank.**

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"EJECTED"—"LED OFF"

According to one of the papers which reported the Temperance meeting addressed by the Secretary for Scotland, in Glasgow on October 4, four women Suffragists were "ejected," while men described by the chairman as "prohibitionists who come and try to disturb our meetings" were "led off."

MR. ASQUITH AT LADYBANK

Mr. Asquith returned to England on Thursday in last week, his original intention being, according to the Press, to travel by the Calais-Dover route, and to reach Charing Cross by 5.12 in the afternoon. "Apparently," says the *Northern Echo*, "some of the militant Suffragettes had got wind of this intention, for several of them assembled in the neighbourhood of the terminus at about four o'clock, displaying their colours and offering for sale copies of Votes for Women. The police, anticipating the possibility of some hostile demonstration, laid their plans accordingly. In addition to the half-dozen or so of officers who now regularly patrol Downing Street, about a dozen extra men from Cannon Row were drafted over at about 4.30, but they were recalled when the Premier's change of plans became known."

On his flying visit to Scotland the Premier stayed at Kilmaron Castle, in Fifeshire. He arrived on Friday night, the train making a special stop at Cupar in order that the Prime Minister of Great Britain might arrive as secretly as possible. On Saturday morning passers-by were startled to see "Fair Play, Mr. Asquith!" in purple, white, and green letters upon the Castle gates, while the messages, "Votes for Women" and "We shall fight," proved that the dreaded Suffragettes were not far off.

Two women who happened to be walking past the Castle grounds (which are enclosed in walls about twelve feet high) were astonished at the strong forces of police visible at every entrance. The sight of two strange women walking quietly along a country road apparently caused a hasty message for help to be sent, and the police were reinforced by a strong body of gardeners with rakes and hoes. A policeman on a bicycle followed the two women, and uneasily explained to them that if he did not keep them in sight they might be jumping the twelve foot wall and throwing stones at Mr. Asquith.

Large forces of police were gathered at Ladybank, where a meeting of Liberal delegates was held, and the time of the meeting was wrapped in profound mystery. Enthusiastic Liberals are evidently willing to arrive at five and find the meeting *really* began at four, if only there is a chance that the Suffragettes can be kept in the dark too. In spite of this, the first thing Mr. Asquith heard when he stepped out of the crowded motor surrounded by detectives, was the dreaded cry of "Votes for women." A lady who drove up in a motor and made a brilliant attempt to enter the hall, told the police quite truly that Mr. Asquith expected her, and she was escorted by them to the door with every attention before it struck them that the Prime Minister lives in daily fear and expectation of meeting women who want votes. Another woman told Mr. Asquith to alter the Reform Bill and make it apply to women as well as to men. A man standing near caught hold of her and put his hand over her mouth, and proved again that present-day Liberals are opposed to Free Speech, except in the case of those who are too big and strong to be easily tackled.

Another protest was made when the meeting was over, and one woman who stood in front of the motor, and was seized and forcibly removed, caught a glimpse of the Premier's white face as he watched the struggle with a cruel smile through the window that he dared not open.

Questions were asked in the crowd about tactics. An informal meeting was held, and everyone went away discussing Votes for Women instead of the Prime Minister's important pronouncement.

"Fair play, Mr. Asquith!" Did these words touch the Premier's heart as they met his eyes the morning that he arrived at Kilmarron Castle, where he was the guest of Sir James Low for a few brief, inglorious hours on Saturday, October 5? Surely never did Prime Minister creep about the country as ours does! The express stopped for him to alight stealthily at a little wayside station. From there he was conveyed in a closed motor-car to Kilmarron, and lo! the first words that met his eyes on the gate-posts were "Fair play, Mr. Asquith," in the dreaded purple, white and green colours!

Suffragettes had been there before him, and the grounds of the castle told their own tale. However, the Prime Minister was safe from bodily harm, thanks to the exertions of a crowd of policemen, reinforced by gardeners armed with hoes and rakes, who kept watch and ward.

They need not have been so anxious, for the women were off to Ladybank, where a meeting was to be addressed by Mr. Asquith in the afternoon. There they were, ready for him at the entrance to the Hall, where he arrived at four o'clock, in spite of assurances from many quarters that the meeting was to be at five, and from others that it was to be at six.

As the meeting was for men only they could not get inside, so they contented themselves with a brave dash for the car, two of them succeeding in getting through the cordon of police, and making their demands for justice and fair play to the Premier himself. Of course, they were not left near him long. A fierce assault was made on them, and if the scene did not actually equal those of infamous memory in Wales, it was sufficiently disgraceful to blacken the annals of a country where it has been considered an honour in the past to fight and suffer for freedom.

Shortly after the meeting had begun another motor-car dashed up, and a stylishly dressed lady walked rapidly up to the Hall. "Which is the platform door?" she demanded of a policeman. "This way, mum," was the obsequious tribute to furs, dash and bluff, and his hand was actually on the door to open it for her when some touch of Scottish caution made him pause, and begin to ask very embarrassing questions. Her name and address were taken, but the astonished hauteur of the lady was beginning to take effect when a steward came out, and said no one was to enter, and the Suffragette had to retire. She took her stand at the gate, however, and was one of those who made a dash for the Prime Minister when he came out and was hustled into his car. The women were hustled, but in a different manner, out of his way, and it was left to them to face the extremely hostile crowd. This they did, holding an impromptu meeting with such effect that gradually hostility vanished, and the electors of East Fife parted from them with wonderfully good feeling. The talk overheard afterwards referred almost entirely to the Suffragettes and their works, and not to Mr. Asquith's speech.

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FREE SPEECH, WHERE ART THOU?

The *Newcastle Courier* gives an ingenuous account of the plucky attempt made by Suffragists at Ladybank—one of them even risked her life—to remind Mr. Asquith of their intolerable grievance, and describes the successful suppression of free speech on the part of the Liberal authorities. We give the following extracts:—

"The possibility of a disturbance by women who want votes was taken into consideration, and elaborate precautions were made to circumvent the attempt. . . . One of them with great promptitude at once dashed round the car in the hope of getting in touch with the Prime Minister at the other side. . . . Her companion was more cool and collected, and shouted out 'Votes for women, Mr. Asquith!' She, too, was quickly pounced upon. Mr. Alexander Smith, a Dundee Liberal steward, had sufficient courage to tackle her single-handed. He placed one arm round her neck and gagged her mouth with his hand. The Suffragettes were both fighting hard for freedom to hurl their wordy message at the Premier. . . . More Suffragettes had arrived by the time the meeting closed, but the police were ready to cope with any eventualities. Just as Mr. Asquith had taken his seat in the car there was an ugly rush by a number of the Suffragettes, but the police at once seized hold of them and ran them away. Although an attack was made on both sides of the car, the police were too strong for the women. One of the Suffragettes, however, made a rather daring effort to stop the motor containing the Prime Minister. She stepped in front of the vehicle, and but for the presence of a London detective, who rushed forward and whirled her out of the way, she would assuredly have been knocked down and severely hurt."

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THE GUARDED PREMIER

The presence in the district of the ladies who want votes is taken to mean that there will be a disturbance of some sort at Ladybank in the afternoon. To get near the Premier, however, will be an almost impossible task. The most stringent precautions are being taken by the organisers of the meeting. *Nobody will be admitted to the Masonic Hall*, and even the men will be submitted to the closest scrutiny, although tickets of admission have only been issued to delegates from the Liberal Associations in the various localities in East Fife. A strong force of police is to be on guard outside the hall.—**Dundee Telegraph.**

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"RATHER" UNNECESSARY!

Two militant Suffragists had placed themselves at the entrance to the village hall, and as the car came up one heard a familiar cry. A youth in the crowd rather unnecessarily placed his hand over the woman's mouth (her companion had been hedged back by the police), but beyond this no violence was offered.—**Manchester Guardian.**

"Amused" writes to the *Standard* (Woman's Platform): "It may interest some of your readers to hear that passing through Madame Tussaud's yesterday I observed a W.S.P.U. badge on the lapel of Mr. Asquith's coat, in a very conspicuous position."

Llanystumdwy has held a meeting against Women's Suffrage in the Lloyd George Institute. Women's suffering, on the other hand, Llanystumdwy thoroughly enjoys.—**The Evening News.**

Nothing in this world is gained without fighting for it.—**The Daily Telegraph.**

THE RELEASE OF MISS GLADYS EVANS

"The Victory of the Hunger-Strikers is now complete."—*The Times.*

To the great joy of her comrades of the Women's Social and Political Union, Miss Gladys Evans has won her way to freedom through the terrible suffering of the hunger strike. In a state of almost complete collapse, she was removed, on medical advice, on Thursday in last week, to a private house in Dublin.

In conversation with a friend Miss Evans said that in addition to beginning the hunger strike on August 11 (she was committed to Mountjoy Prison on the 6th), she broke all the windows in her cell, and destroyed the convict notices. She was then taken to the Tower—a round, one-storied building in which each cell is lighted by a skylight—where she spent two nights. Then she was taken to the hospital, where she remained until her release.

Having set herself to protest with all the strength at her command against the status of a convict, Miss Evans refused all offers of "concessions," and continued the hunger strike up to the last, when she was suffering so much from sleeplessness that a sleeping draught had to be administered before she was fit to leave the prison.

From the time when her companion left her she made a desperate resistance to the forcible feeding. On the Monday before her release she barricaded her cell door, which was burst open. On Tuesday she managed to block the bathroom door, and when it was broken open took refuge in the filled bath fully clad. This she did to cause delay, and put off the moment of torture. On Wednesday she fought and struggled so that they were unable to feed her at all, and on Thursday her condition was such that the authorities decided they must release her. A dangerous collapse followed her release.

We understand that fresh "licences" have been served on both Miss Evans and Mrs. Leigh, with the object of enforcing more stringent "conditions." (We deal with this point in the Outlook.)

Detectives are stationed outside the houses where Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans are being nursed back to health. The W.S.P.U. organiser in Dublin, as well as prominent Irish Suffragists, is being closely watched.

The Irishwomen's Reform League, having petitioned the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on September 17 for the admission of Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans to the status of political prisoners, "which will remove the necessity of forcible feeding, a practice which is greatly to be deprecated, and under which their health must eventually break down," repeated the petition on behalf of Miss Evans on October 1, and received the following in reply on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant:—

"There seems to be a somewhat widespread misapprehension in regard to the question of the 'status of a political prisoner.' This arrangement does not come within the scope of a sentence such as that which was passed upon Gladys Evans. Certain concessions, however, were offered (which have been in the main tantamount to the privileges which are accorded to first-class misdemeanants), but these were declined by Mrs. Leigh on the ground apparently that they were offered as concessions, and not as of right; and Miss Evans desired to associate herself with Mrs. Leigh in this matter. It was thus that the necessity, in the opinion of the responsible authorities, arose for the process of artificial feeding, which I think the ladies referred to will be prepared to admit, has been administered with the utmost care and solicitude. However, His Excellency has to-day been engaged, after full consultation with his responsible advisers, in considering the question of the release of Miss Gladys Evans (on licence) upon the ground of health, and has just signed an order to that effect."

"A Juror" writes to the *Irish Independent* on behalf of the Irish Suffragists still in prison for window-smashing in Dublin (Miss Lloyd, Miss Webb, Miss Hasler, and Miss Houston):—"As one of the jury when above ladies were found guilty of glass-breaking, will you kindly allow me to suggest that the authorities, without any loss of dignity, might now order their release? In view of the fact that the English Suffragettes have been allowed their liberty, after a few weeks' imprisonment, for much more serious offences, I believe that public opinion would approve of the Lord Lieutenant's action in discharging them from jail, and it goes without saying that the Irish public would be glad to have their countrywomen treated on similar lines to the English ladies."

"THE TRIUMPHANT HUNGER STRIKE"

Under this title, in the course of a leading article on October 4, the *Dublin Evening Mail* said:—

"The Government is now at the mercy of the militant Suffragists. Juries convict and judges sentence, and the Suffragist tightens her belt, solemnly winks at her friends in court, and goes away to her cell, knowing that in a few days she will have the prison doctor in a state of agitation, the Governor in a state of perturbation, and the Government in a state of blue, cerulean funk. And a few days after she will be released, having lost a little weight and scored a famous victory. . . . Can the Government which let Mary Leigh and Gladys Evans out of gaol keep in any other Suffragettes who carry the hunger-strike to the point of collapse? And if they can't, we are all at the mercy of the militant Suffragists. All they have to do is to call the tune, and we must pay the piper. The Lord Lieutenant was recently publicly threatened with a campaign of persecution unless Gladys Evans were released. Within a few days her release has followed. We do not suggest that his Excellency has been frightened, though we are afraid the Suffragists will hardly be so scrupulous. In any case, the situation which has now been produced is intolerable and dangerous. The next move lies with the Suffragists."

The *Irish Times,* too, heads its paragraph announcing the release of Miss Evans, "Victory of Hunger-Strikers."

GOVERNMENT DERIDED

At the West London Police Court on October 4, Mr. Fordham, in imposing a penalty of 20s. and 2s. costs upon Mrs. Caroline Frances Fagan, of Rutland Court, Westminster, for using armorial bearings, &c., without licences, made the following reference to the victory of the hunger-strikers over the Government amid the appreciative laughter of the Court:—

"I must fix imprisonment in default of distress, but, of course, you won't do as much imprisonment as I give you, Mrs. Fagan. The total imprisonment would be one month. I suppose that will mean forty-eight hours (he added). Now you are rid of me, Mrs. Fagan, and you have the Home Secretary to deal with."

APPEAL TO IRISH UNIONIST M.P.'S

The following letter, says the *Irish Independent,* has been sent by the Irish Women's Reform League to Lord Londonderry and all the Irish Unionist M.P.'s:—

"Sir,—The Committee of the Irish Women's Reform League are deeply convinced that the right of women to vote under any form of Government which may be established in Ireland ought to be recognised by the Ulster Provincial Council, and they therefore urge that Council to secure the inclusion of women upon the register of the Ulster Provisional Government.

"The Committee also instructed me to beg you in this matter to bear in mind the valuable help Unionist women are giving to the Unionist cause in Ulster, and the great danger of rousing discontent and agitation by the failure to recognise their claim for enfranchisement.

"Ella Inglis, Hon. Secretary.
"29, South Anne Street, Dublin."

IRISH WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR SECURING VOTES UNDER THE HOME RULE BILL

Now that Parliament has re-assembled, and that the Home Rule Bill will be under discussion, Irishwomen are reminded that Mr. Snowden's Amendment proposes to make the Local Government register operative for the Irish Parliament, thus entitling women as well as men to vote. To gain Parliamentary support for this Amendment is the object of the Committee. Already several promises of support have been received. This is the time when Irish Suffragists—militant and non-militant—must stand together and show unitedly that they want the vote, and that they will not tolerate a Bill that ignores them. As the campaign is developing, it will probably be necessary to have an organiser who will undertake the work in connection with this scheme throughout Britain; but this cannot be done unless the necessary funds are forthcoming. Therefore an earnest appeal is made for funds from all Suffragists. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Jacobs (Edinburgh), 5s.; Miss S. R. Day (Cork), 3s. 6d.; Miss Cummins (Cork), 3s.; Mr. Mack, 4s.; Miss Mack, 1s.; Miss Mangan, 1s. Hon. Secs.: Miss Aileen Connor Smith, Miss Lennox, 43, Kempsford Gardens, Earl's Court, S.W.

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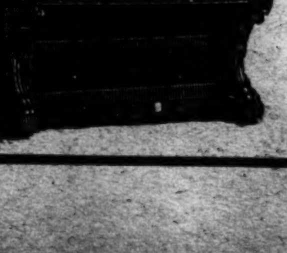
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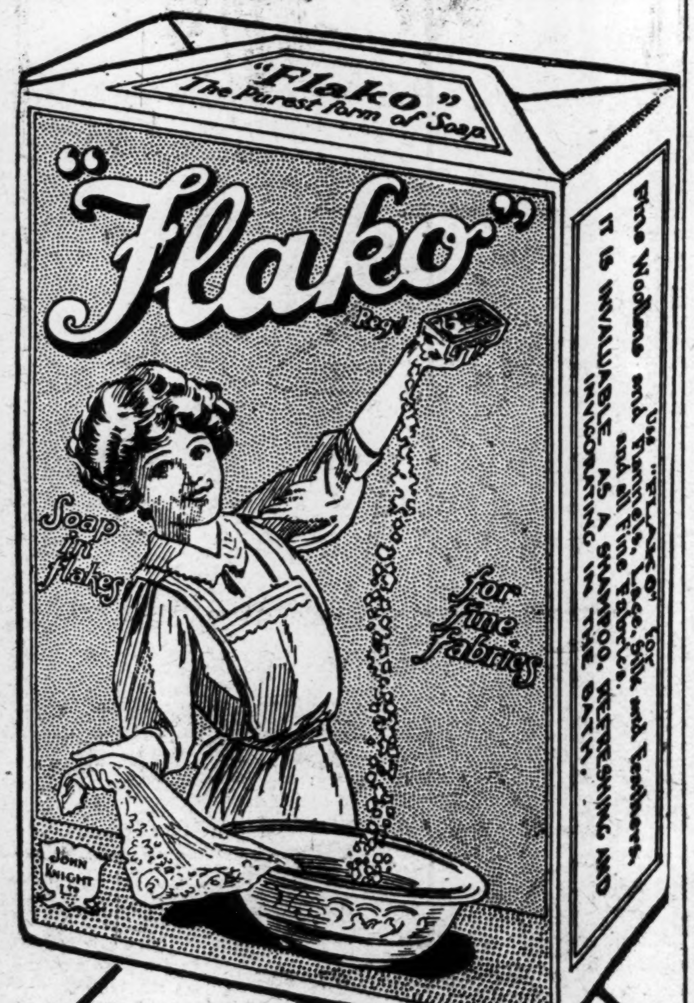
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THE LAW RELATING TO INHERITANCE AND DEVOLUTION AS IT AFFECTS WOMEN

By H. Musk Beattie

PART II.

(*Part 1. appeared in* VOTES FOR WOMEN *for October 4*)

Under the Statute of Distributions, which was passed in the reign of Charles II., and which governs the question, the law of devolution of personal property is certainly a little fairer to women than is that applicable to real property, which we have previously glanced at, though it is, nevertheless, open to grave abuses.

Where a husband dies intestate, leaving a wife and child or children, or lineal descendants of such child or children, the widow is entitled to one-third of his personal estate, after satisfying his debts and liabilities; and if the man die childless, but leaving a widow, then she will take one-half instead of one-third. In cases where the intestate leaves children, the remaining two-thirds go to his children in equal shares, and where there are no children, or remoter issue, the remaining half goes to the Crown.

However, in the case of small estates, as has been before stated, a great change has been effected by the Intestates Estates Act, 1890, by virtue of which where a man dies intestate after September 1, 1890, leaving a widow but no issue, instead of the widow being entitled to one-third of the realty in the shape of dower (which is only a contingency subject to certain events, as before shown), or her half of the personalty (or both), she becomes entitled to the whole. And where the net value of the estate exceeds £500, the widow is entitled to £500 absolutely and exclusively, and has a charge upon the whole of such real and personal estate for the £500. And this sum of £500 is to be in addition to her share in the residue of the real and personal estate of the intestate remaining after payment of the said sum of £500.

It will thus be seen that in cases of intestacy (and particularly where the estate is small) the widow's position is considerably better than before the passing of the Act in question. But the Act only applies to childless intestacies, and therein lies the mischief. Where a man makes a will, and thus places himself outside the category contemplated by the Act, there is no safeguard of the interests of either widow or children. He is perfectly at liberty to dispose of his property in any way he chooses, and to cut off widow and children with less than the proverbial shilling.

It is, of course, true that a very great many husbands are just, and the moral claims of their wives are not overlooked when it comes to the matter of making a will. But laws are made for the unjust citizen rather than the citizen with a conscience; in fact, the good citizen is generally better than the laws he is called upon to obey. And that those wives whose husbands do not avail themselves of their legal right to dispose of their property by will should be in a better position, upon the death of their husbands, than many whose husbands have made a will, is to say the least, an anomaly.

The position upon the death of a married woman is, also, far from satisfactory. If a wife makes a will she stands upon an equal footing with her husband as regards the disposition of her property thereby. The Married Women's Property Acts have secured that position for her. But those Acts have not affected the law as to intestacy. If a married woman dies intestate leaving real and personal property the position is as follows: If there has been issue born alive of the marriage and capable of inheriting the realty, the widower will be entitled to the real estate for his life, by the courtesy of England, and upon his death it will go to the heir-at-law. If no such issue has been born, the real property will go to the heir-at-law.

As regards the personal estate of the deceased woman, whether she leaves children or other relations or not, it will go to the widower absolutely, for under the Common Law they vest in him by marital right, unaffected by the Married Women's Property Acts.

The laws of inheritance, both as to land and goods, give preference to males over females. Thus, where the descent to land is being determined, the male issue are admitted before the female; and all the legal rules governing descent exhibit the same bias. On failure of lineal discendants or issue of the purchaser (i.e., the person who last acquired the land otherwise than by descent, escheat or partition, and from whom the descent is traced), the nearest lineal ancestor inherits. The paternal ancestor is preferred to the maternal, and no male maternal ancestor is capable of inheriting until all the paternal ancestors and their descendants have failed; nor any female paternal ancestor, nor any of her issue, until all the male paternal ancestors and their descendants have failed; nor any female maternal ancestor, nor any of her descendants, until all the male maternal ancestors and their issue have failed. These technical rules are given merely to illustrate the bias of the law of inheritance, which is largely feudal in origin, against women.

The law of distribution of personal property contains at least one anomaly, and that is with regard to the position of the mother of an intestate as compared with that of the father. If there are no descendants of an intestate, the father, subject to the right of the widow (if any), takes the whole of the estate. The mother would not take the whole of the estate unless there were neither issue, nor father, nor brothers, nor sisters, nor children of brothers or sisters, of the intestate. If there were any of the relatives just mentioned (except the father, who if living, would take everything, subject to the right of the widow, if any), surviving, the mother would have to share equally with them.

The above remarks, and those appearing in the first part of this article, are intended to demonstrate that the law of inheritance with regard to land, and in a slightly less marked degree the law of devolution of personal property, involves women in, at any rate, the possibility of unjust treatment. To-day a husband can by his will deprive his wife of every penny of his property at his death, while if he made no will her rights under his intestacy are small compared with the corresponding rights of the husband under her intestacy. Then, again, it has been shown that in the case of the intestacy of her son, a married woman is unfairly treated. Her son's property may include real or personal estate for which he is indebted to the generosity of his mother, yet if he dies intestate leaving a father but no descendants, the father would take practically all, including the gifts of the mother.

The ancient right to dower, which from Saxon times gave to every wife a share of her husband's property, should be restored; the wife should have one-third, if there were children living at her husband's decease; one-half if there were none, thus making the law as to land in this respect identical with that applicable to goods under the existing law.

And this should hold good whether the husband make a will or die intestate. If, in addition, the law is so altered that, upon the death of a married woman, whether she make a will or die intestate, her property, real and personal, shall be disposed of in the same manner as the property of a married man would be disposed of, the chief injustices in the present legal system, as it applies to devolution of property on death, would have been removed.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

"The English Review." October. (London: Tavistock Street, Covent Garden. Price 1s. net.)

"The Westminster Review." October. (London: E. Marlborough and Co. Price 2s. 6d. net.)

"The Twentieth Century Magazine." October. (Boston: Twentieth Century Co. Price 15 cents.)

"The Dial Monthly." From Miss Helen Blagg, 54, Lissenden Mansions, Highgate Road, N.W.

"The Crock of Gold." By James Stephens. (London: Macmillan and Co. Price 5s. net.)

"The George Moore Calendar. A Quotation from the Works of George Moore." (London: Frank Palmer. Price 1s. net.)

"The Anatole France Calendar. A Quotation from the Works of Anatole France." (London: Frank Palmer. Price 1s. net.)

"The J. M. Barrie Calendar. A Quotation from the Works of J. M. Barrie." (London: Frank Palmer. Price 1s. net.)

"My Life in Prison." By Donald Lowrie. (London: John Lane. Price 6s. net.)

"The Royal Road." By Alfred Ollivant. (London: Methuen and Co., Ltd. Price 6s.)

"The Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church of England and Wales." Preface by Sir David Brynmor Jones, K.C., M.P. (London: Central Campaign Committee for the Disestablishment of the Church of England and Wales, 134, St. Stephen's House, Westminster. Price 6d. net.)

"The Promised Land." By Mary Antin. (London: Wm. Heinemann. Price 7s. 6d. net.)

CORRECTION.

In last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, in a review of "A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil," "Zaza" was a misprint for "Nana."

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THE WAR, AND WOMEN

On the outbreak of war in the Near East, Suffragists are once more confronted with the tragi-comic contention of their opponents—that women, taking no part in war, should have no voice in its decisions. No part in war! To mention only a minor point, one daily paper is already employing a woman war correspondent in Montenegro, while accounts are given of Turkish and Bulgarian women clamouring to go to the front with the ambulance. In an illustrated daily, photographs appeared last week of Servian women arming in defence of their country—and who, knowing the courage and spirit of women, can doubt that this would be a common occurrence in any war waged between neighbouring States? But, fighting apart, women's share in the Balkan war will be a far more terrible one than men's could ever be. Already news has come of Greek women abducted by Turks from a Smyrna vessel; and the *Nation* predicts a guerilla warfare leading to "devastation and massacre," and talks of "smoking villages within the inferno," of "women and children choosing between the wintry mercy of the mountains and the outrage and ruin of the plains." And not the least disastrous result to women of such a war will be the check given to the women's movement which, in Turkey especially, had made so brave a beginning.

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To militant Suffragists a deeper significance lurks in the war talk of the last week. Our natural expectation, on the outbreak of militancy in the Balkan States, was that the Liberal Press would unanimously condemn this ill-considered fanaticism, this want of political intelligence, this breach of confidence and good taste! Turkey had promised reforms—in 1880, it is true; but still, she *had* promised them—and would carry them out in due course if approached in a conciliatory spirit. Why did not the Balkan Allies follow the statesmanlike course adopted by the Powers—the real leaders of the reform movement in Macedonia—who were content, and had been content since 1876, to influence Turkey by peaceable and constitutional methods only? A policy that was bound to lead to the destruction of property and the loss of human life was not only suicidal but wicked, and could but alienate European sympathy and put back the cause of Macedonia for another forty years. This, and more like it, we naturally expected from the Liberal Press, which has never hesitated to condemn militancy at home when it was employed by voteless women against a tyrannical and lying Government.

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The Liberal Press entirely failed to live up to its reputation. The Liberal Press suddenly became—Liberal. Militant Suffragists, dumb with amazement, read as follows in the *Daily News*:—

> It is not they [the Balkan States] who are the real menace to peace. The menace is the continued existence of a system of misrule which has disgraced Europe for a generation, and whose continuance is due as much to the Great Powers as to the incompetence and cruelty of the Turk.

We rubbed our eyes and read again, this time in the *Nation*:—

> The sole chance of peace lies in a prompt and drastic intervention by the Powers not to localise the conflict, but to remove its occasion. . . . We do not believe that any threats or remonstrances launched at Sofia, any pleas for delay . . . would now avail to prevent war. Of such methods, every Balkan State has had dismal experience in the past, and in no single instance has patient waiting on the convenience of Europe brought profit to those who listened to sage counsels.

Once more we looked, and saw this, in the *Daily Chronicle*:—

> Every time that they [i.e., the Powers] encourage Turkey to make promises, for whose performance they take no guarantee, and which they know she will break, they are piling up fuel which can only make the ultimate Balkan conflagration so much the hotter when it comes. It is time now for them to institute a Macedonian policy which shall be genuine and not a foredoomed sham.

And Mr. Harold Spender, that bulwark of Liberalism as Suffragettes know it, wrote as follows:—

> But the great point for Great Britain to remember is that no real or permanent peace can be attained by the mere trickery and chicanery of ordinary diplomacy.

How much easier is it to champion a Balkan Christian than a British woman, and to see a great cause in Macedonian autonomy than in women's freedom!

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In all this queer chaos of topsy-turvy Liberalism it is possible for us, with the help of an insight gained through militant action in England, to detect here and there a gleam of light. We see more clearly than ever before—more clearly than any mere advocate of Peace-at-any-price could ever hope to see—that while war as an expedient may be barbaric and savage and primitive, the warlike spirit, both in men and women, is the one hope of civilisation. For the greatest enemy of peace is not war, but oppression; and that is why those who counsel patience under oppression are not making for peace, but are piling up the causes that produce war. Every revolt against an intolerable tyranny is a step towards universal peace, and only when every man and woman is free will universal peace be a realisable ideal. To shirk war merely because of the suffering involved, and without removing the cause of dispute, is a policy that has neither expediency nor humanitarianism on its side. It is a policy that the Liberal papers would not dare to propose to the Balkan peoples, whom long-delayed reform has brought to the point of open militancy. They keep it for those moments of smug and pious complacency in which they offer gratuitous advice to militant Suffragists. Fortunately for the cause of Votes for Women, this section of the Suffrage army believes no more in the "pledges" of the Prime Minister and the power of constitutional methods to enforce them than the Balkan States believe in the promises of the Porte unless the Powers undertake to enforce these, if necessary, by prompt militant action.

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MR. J. R. MacDONALD'S PLEDGE

The new Labour newspaper has announced the great betrayal! Women are to be cheated of the vote with the connivance of the Labour Party. The women's amendments to the "Reform" Bill are to be wrecked, and then, in order that the Labour Partner to the conspiracy may not be embarrassed by requests to oppose the Government on the third reading, the "Reform" Bill will be withdrawn and the Plural Voting Bill will be carried instead. Women are to remain as voteless at the end of this Parliament as they were at the beginning. This is the plot that the W.S.P.U. has been exposing for a long time.

The Parliamentary Correspondent of the *Daily Citizen* tells the whole shameful story in the following words:—

> So far as present indications are a guide, there is a majority of the House of Commons against any proposal for Woman Suffrage.
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> If that majority defeats the Amendments which will be put forward to enfranchise women, the Government will have to consider whether it is justified in going on with the Bill. The chief reason for dealing with the franchise at present is the women's agitation. If the franchise clauses have to go, the Government may try to save the plural voting clauses, but even that may not be possible. The Speaker may rule that the Bill, deprived of its chief clauses, must be dropped for technical reasons, and then the Government would have to consider whether it would adopt Mr. Baker's Plural Voting Bill, which received a second reading, but which has been assumed to be dead. That, in outline, is the expected course of events.

This revelation destroys once and for all the Labour Party's excuse for keeping the Liberal Government in office. Mr. Philip Snowden, writing for the *Christian Commonwealth* before the *Daily Citizen's* statement appeared, has said that the Labour Members will not support the Government if it means injury to their principles. We shall see now whether Mr Snowden speaks truly. If he does, the Labour Party will at once declare war upon the Government in order to compel the introduction and passage of a Government measure giving votes to women.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is to speak to-night (Friday) in the Albert Hall. The last time he spoke there he gave a pledge that he would, if necessary, turn the Government out on the issue of Votes for Women. Now the moment has come for the fulfilment of that pledge, for it is admitted in Mr. MacDonald's own organ that the Government's assurances to women in connection with the "Reform" Bill are worthless as a means of getting the vote.

The *Daily Citizen* having laid bare the real facts of the case, it is no longer possible for the Labour Party to talk in vague terms of "using every scrap of its influence" to gain Votes for Women, or of "no franchise measure that does not include women being satisfactory." These generalities count for nothing. The Parliamentary situation described by the new Labour newspaper necessitates immediate action in fulfilment of Mr. MacDonald's pledge to throw out the Government. War ought to be declared by the Labour Members upon the Government, and hostilities ought to begin at once, and ought to continue until the Government have either been defeated or have surrendered to the demand for Votes for Women.

The Labour Members must now choose sides. Are they for the Government or are they for the women? They cannot be the friends of both. The Nationalists have decided to aid and abet the Government in preventing women from getting the vote before the next General Election. The Labour Members have also to make their decision. If Mr. MacDonald's pledge is broken, and if the Labour Members refuse to go into opposition in the House of Commons, that means that they join the Anti-Suffrage Conspiracy. If they do join it, what will be said to them by the women who have spent money and strength in support of Labour candidates at the by-elections? It has been suggested that to work for Labour candidates at by-elections exerts pressure upon the Government, but there are signs that the unholy alliance between the Liberal and Labour Parties in the House of Commons will soon be followed by a similar alliance in the constituencies. We may expect to see Mr. Asquith and Mr. MacDonald arranging that at the next election certain seats shall be contested by Liberal candidates, and certain other seats by Labour candidates, so that three-cornered contests shall thereafter be avoided. Mr. MacDonald has already publicly suggested that an arrangement of this kind shall be made.

In fact, unless Mr. MacDonald announces at the Albert Hall that he and his Party intend to fight the Government for the sake of women's enfranchisement, Suffragists are driven to the conclusion that to support the Labour Party is for all practical purposes the same thing as to support the Government.

The Nationalists will, of course, beseech the Labour Party to be "loyal to Home Rule," and to keep the Government in office until the Home Rule Bill is carried. But loyalty to Home Rule is under present conditions utter disloyalty to the greater cause of the enfranchisement of women. The Home Rule Bill means increasing the rights of a comparatively small number of men in Ireland, who are already represented in the Imperial Parliament. The enfranchisement of women means giving the elementary right of citizenship to the womanhood of the entire Kingdom. There are 13,384,000 women in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, who are totally unrepresented. There are only 1,198,000 men in Ireland, of whom a large number have votes already. Plainly, it is the women who have the first claim on the Labour Party. Mr. Redmond has said that women shall not have the Vote. It is for the Labour Party to say in return (and it is only by opposing the Government that they can say it), that unless women have the Vote, Mr. Redmond shall not have the Home Rule Bill.

Mr. MacDonald will, of course, be told by the Liberal wirepullers and toadies that if he opposes the Liberal Government he will let the Tories in, and that a Tory Government would be more hostile to Woman Suffrage than the present Liberal Government. It is impossible that a Tory Government could be worse than the present Government where this question is concerned, and even if a Tory Government were to resist the demand for Woman Suffrage, we may be sure that the next Liberal Government would take office pledged to carry the measure. Having profited by the lesson of Mr. Asquith's ejection from office on this issue, the next Liberal Premier would be careful to form a Cabinet united in the determination to give Votes to Women.

But the real fact of the matter is that the present Government will yield to Labour opposition, and, rather than lose office, will grant Votes to Women. It is Mr. MacDonald who has made it possible for the Government to hold out against women's agitation for the Vote during the past six years.

Is this monstrous state of affairs to end now, women are asking! After Mr. MacDonald's Albert Hall speech we shall know. The Labour Party must be either for us or against us. If they decide to be against us, and to maintain this anti-suffrage Liberal Government in office, then it is impossible that women shall discriminate in favour of the Labour element in a hostile Coalition.

Is Mr. MacDonald's pledge to be kept or broken? That is the question.

Christabel Pankhurst.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence

Life holds strange surprises. I went to prison in May with the prospect of spending the whole of the summer and autumn of 1912 in a narrow cell. By a strange turn of events the steamship and the railway train have carried me a third of all the way round the world. I have journeyed across the great continent of America from the East to the furthest West. Like all our comrades who adopted the hunger strike in prison as a protest to secure political treatment, my husband and I had been brought by forcible feeding to the brink of the grave. Then it was that our colleagues and friends urged upon us the necessity of a complete rest, and with returning life the way opened for an extended tour in that part of the Empire which every day is becoming of increasing importance in our great British Commonwealth. We were not strong enough to be interviewed by reporters on our arrival at Montreal. We travelled therefore as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, and found that abbreviation of our name a tolerably good disguise.

But every now and again some charming episode, some unlooked for expression of sympathy and goodwill apprised us of the fact that our innocent secret had been discovered. One little incident of the kind was specially interesting. We had been taken by some friends away up country, where a railway track was being laid through the virgin forest of Vancouver Island. We visited the construction camps, and saw the men felling trees, blasting out the enormous roots with gunpowder, and cutting a way sometimes through solid rock. We stayed the night at a little hotel on the shore of a beautiful lake. When we came to dinner we found upon our table a white menu card with a border of purple and green painted by hand, and a decorative device in the same colours of the rose, the thistle, the shamrock, and the maple-leaf (the Canadian symbol of nationality). Through a slit made in the card our tricolour ribbon was twisted. I called the Chinese waiter and asked him by whose orders this card had been placed upon our table, and he told me that the mistress had given it to him to place there. After dinner I went upstairs to the office and found the manageress and the young lady who assisted at the telephone wearing W.S.P.U. badges. The girl wore also a conspicuous tie made of our ribbon, donned in our honour. They had immediately recognised us, having heard me speak in Ayrshire a few months previously. Before we left the hotel they had been put in touch with the W.S.P.U. organisation in the nearest town, and had promised to take part in the work during the coming autumn and winter.

We reached the Pacific Coast nearly three weeks from the day when we set sail, and it was upon our arrival at Vancouver Island in the furthest West of the Dominion of Canada, 6,000 miles from home, that we first heard the astounding rumour that the Government had put bailiffs into our country house with a view to selling up our furniture. Needless to say, that rumour did not in any way distress us, nor did we give the matter any further consideration whatever, for we have learnt by this time that the Government can quite safely be left to follow out their own devices when they are carrying out their policy of repression against the W.S.P.U.

We spent three weeks in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, a beautiful city surrounded on three sides by the ocean, with a magnificent Parliament House and fine public buildings. We stayed with my brother, Mr. Pethick, and his wife, who is President of the local W.S.P.U., and we had many opportunities of learning facts as to the position of women in the Province, and of testing the attitude of the men and women of British Columbia with regard to the question of Votes for Women.

No Place for Women

The condition of women in that vast expanding country is a very saddening thing. The laws respecting marriage, guardianship of children, inheritance, and the title of the wife to property were apparently lifted from the British Statute Book some years ago, and retain not only all the present disabilities, but certain obsolete conditions that have been reformed in our own country. Speaking generally, the wages of women are in proportion to the cost of living very low. The main exception is to be found in the wages paid to domestic servants. Women shop assistants cannot possibly live on their pay. That pay *has to be supplemented*—in one way or another. Women typists, clerks, qualified women teachers with the highest University degrees, are very badly paid, and have to endure much hardship and privation which might be obviated. The rate of infant mortality is high. There was a scandal about the milk supply in Vancouver which the Press exposed during my stay, and it was explicitly stated in the daily newspaper that the two medical men who were agitating for a reform in this matter could not induce the electors to take any interest in it. Votes for Women is needed in British Columbia as urgently as it is needed at home, for the good of the whole people.

Canadian women are beginning to wake up, and are being roused mainly by the news that reaches them of the militant movement in this country. Hardly a day passed during those three weeks when the militant movement was not dealt with in the local papers both in the news columns and in articles. There was a leading article in the *Victoria Daily Chronicle* (the one morning daily paper) on three successive days. The editor accepted a long article from me on the history of the progress of the movement during the past six years and a defence of all the militancy that had been adopted to date. Wherever I went I found women stirred; I found the determination to organise. The task of winning Votes for Women in British Columbia would be an easy one. There is only one Legislative House. A very small agitation would have great effect. The leading men are open-minded. The tradition of liberty is strong. We met the Minister of Education and his wife, who have been instrumental in establishing a complete equality of opportunity and status in the organisation of the new University for British Columbia. My husband called on the Prime Minister. We were struck with the difference between their attitude on this question and that of Ministers at home. If the women were to bestir themselves now, and if strong political leadership were to be evolved, I believe they could get the Vote in British Columbia in a twelvemonth.

Where Women Vote

A few hours journey by boat from Victoria brought us to Seattle, the political capital of the State of Washington, where women are exercising the fullest prerogatives of political citizenship. Never shall we forget the joy of our stay in that prosperous and beautiful city. We found enfranchised women waiting to welcome us on the portal of our hotel when we arrived. What a story they had to tell us! First of all we were eager to learn how they won the Vote in their State by a majority of 3 to 1. They unfolded to us the history of their political campaign, which was a very marvel of wise diplomacy, comprehensive organisation, political sagacity, and hard work. "But," added their leader, "it was *your* militant movement in England that won us the victory. Before the news of your action came over the wires, no one took the smallest interest in the question, we could get no articles or letters in the papers, and the whole subject was dead. And one of the stringent rules of our organisation was that no criticism of or apology for the militant action of the women in England should be tolerated on our platforms or even allowed to pass unchallenged in our presence."

To be with our friends in Seattle was like being at home with our W.S.P.U. members. They brought a motor-car for us and showed us their beautiful city and its free University and colleges and playgrounds. They introduced us to their Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (corresponding to the Solicitor-General of this country), a bright and charming girl, upon whom the responsibilities of her position seemed to weigh but lightly. They told us of their women police and the reforms that had been effected by them. They spoke to us of their just and equal laws. Every married woman, for instance, holds a title to half of her husband's property, the laws of inheritance are equal, the guardianship of the children is the equal right and duty of both parents. All the women we met were keenly alive to public interests, and we were told that there was not a man left in the State of Washington who would be prepared to confess himself an Anti-Suffragist. The daily newspaper published a most sympathetic article in the form of an interview with us.

From Seattle we travelled East right across the States by the Great Northern Railway. At Niagara we heard to our great joy of the release of Mrs. Leigh. In New York we were bombarded by reporters, and all the newspapers published sympathetic articles, in many cases two columns long. It was with the utmost astonishment that I found the words used by me reported with the fullest accuracy and with complete understanding of the argument which was presented in a perfectly lucid way. A reception was hastily arranged in the office of one of the Suffrage societies. Quite unexpectedly we were called upon to address the little gathering. In a few words we explained the recent developments of militancy and the meaning of the hunger strike. Afterwards women crowded up and pressed paper dollars in my hands, so that they were quite full, and I laughingly told them that it was like a W.S.P.U. meeting! I brought those fifteen dollars home, and also a diamond ring that I was told to sell for the militant campaign. American women are determined to get the Vote. They say they can get it without militancy because the electors are reasonable men, and the will of the people prevails there not in theory only, but in fact. With all my heart I hope they are right. One thing I know, and I have had it impressed again upon me by this journey in other lands, that in the woman's movement is bound up the cause of human liberty and human happiness, and that it is fraught with new life, new hope, and new promise for humanity all over the world.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND

September 30 to Oct. 5

Already acknowledged	**£134,157**	**18**	**9**
Mrs. F. Goddard	2	0	0
Mrs. Dawson (per Miss J. Laing)	0	1	0
Miss Edith Dawson (do.)	0	1	0
Mrs. A. F. Harper (per Mrs. Hart)	1	0	0
Miss Doreen Allan (D.X. Ward)	0	0	6
"In honour of the brave women who protested at Lloyd George's meeting in Wales	0	5	0
Miss Juliette Heale ...	4	0	0
Miss Alice Heale	3	0	0
Mrs. Sabina Branch ...	3	3	0
Miss Evelyn Branch ...	3	3	0
Miss Isabel Adams (sale of dripping)	0	4	0
Mrs. Hume (postage)...	0	2	0
E. A. W. (per Miss Tew)	0	5	0
Miss Gladys Hazel ...	0	2	6
Miss Daisy H. Balchin	0	2	0
An Assistant Mistress	2	0	0
Miss L. I. Gibbs	50	0	0
Anon.	0	3	0
The Misses Beck (tickets resold)	0	15	0
Miss Hilda Dallas (for signature on posters)	0	1	0
Nurse Evans	0	10	0
Mrs. Mary Stack (sale of pearl brooch)	2	10	0
Mrs. Bessie Springfield	3	0	0
Miss R. I. Pym	0	12	0
Miss E. Weir	0	5	0
Mrs. F. E. Smith	0	10	0
Mrs. E. P. Robson	3	0	0
Miss Beryl Reeves ...	0	10	0
Mrs. the Misses, and Master Baker (profit on "V.f.W.")	0	7	0
Miss Lily Mally	0	5	0
Miss Dorothy Wharton (D.X. Ward)	1	0	0
Miss Vera Holme (per)	0	1	6
Mrs. Geo. Fagg	0	5	0
"Andromedas of Holborn"	0	9	0
Mrs. and Miss Ethel Ashby	0	4	0
Miss Kate Bromley ...	0	1	0
Miss A. M. Wallace ...	2	0	0
Miss H. O'Toole	2	0	0
Miss Isabella Fairweather	0	3	0
B. A. G.	10	0	0
Mrs. Mefenden (per Miss Katie Harris)...	0	2	6
Chelsea W.S.P.U. (adtnl.)— Miss E. Cotton Haig	5	0	0
Per Miss Mary Allen—			
Profit on Teas	0	16	6
Profit on "Eye-opener"	0	4	0
Miss Stewart	2	10	0
Mrs. Stracey	0	2	6
Per Miss D. Evans—			
Mrs. Berkeley	0	5	0
Office Fund	1	11	3
— Hall, Esq.	0	2	6
Mrs. Willis	0	5	0
Per Glasgow—			
Mrs. Boyd	5	0	0
M. R.	0	0	6
Mrs. Reid	0	2	0
Mrs. Russell	5	0	0
Per Miss Morrie Hughes—			
Miss F. Bird	0	2	0
Miss Musgrave	0	1	0
Per Miss V. Key Jones—			
Miss Fairweather ...	0	1	4
Miss Agnes Suffield	0	2	0
Miss Clara Suffield...	0	3	0
Mrs. Seymour Pearson	0	1	0
Per Miss A. Williams—			
"For cleaning shoes"	0	2	0
Mrs. Clarke	0	8	0
Miss Kate Flagg	0	5	3
Miss Black	0	10	0
Anon.	5	0	0
Extra on "V.f.W."...	0	1	2
Sale of toy	0	0	9
Miss Lettice Floyd ...	0	5	0
Miss A. Williams (retd, exps.)	1	0	0
Miss E. G. Whitefield	1	6	0
Miss A. Williams ...	0	5	0
Per the Woman's Press—			
Anon. (sale of miniature)	1	15	0
Extra on "V.f.W." at Oxford Circus Pitch	0	6	6
Membership Fees	1	13	0
Collections, Tickets, &c.—			
London	19	14	0
Per Miss M. Allen ...	1	5	4
Per Miss D. Evans ...	1	16	11
Per Miss F. Ward ...	0	15	6
Per Miss A. Williams	0	4	4
Total	**£134,314**	**5**	**1**

MR. BORDEN AND CANADIAN SUFFRAGISTS

At Toronto, on September 23, Mr. Borden, the Canadian Premier, received a deputation of Suffragists, and promised careful consideration of their petition. He also stated that he would be glad to see any literature on the subject of women's enfranchisement which they liked to send him. The petition included the following passage:—

"The terrible state of affairs in the Old Country tells the tragic tale of lack of judgment on the part of the statesmen in authority there, and to-day Great Britain is writing one of the blackest pages in her history."

Mr. Borden, in reply, said that under the present Dominion Franchise Law the matter was entirely one of Provincial jurisdiction. The Federal Parliament had adopted for Dominion elections the electoral lists prepared under authority of the Provincial Legislatures. "If any steps are taken by the Provincial Parliaments to extend the franchise to women," he continued, "all persons entitled to vote at Provincial elections may also participate in Federal voting. In so far the question is one for the consideration of the various Provincial authorities. But I don't want you to think that the Dominion Parliament is unable to deal with the matter. It has power to repeal the present Franchise Law and discontinue the policy of adopting Provincial electoral lists and have lists prepared to be used exclusively for Federal elections. I could not give you any assurance on that matter, before consulting my colleagues. The question has never been considered. Naturally it would require careful consideration. The whole subject with which your suggestions are concerned would come before the Government if we decided that a new Federal electoral list should be prepared as a substitute, so far as use in Federal elections is concerned, for the Provincial lists. Just how soon such action may be considered, I cannot say. I am very happy, however, to have this document which you have been good enough to hand me, as a means of information and suggestion when the question does come up for consideration. If there are any other pamphlets prepared by your society relating to this matter, I should be happy to have you send copies to me and to my colleagues."

In a letter to Mrs. Pankhurst, a Canadian Suffragist writes: "Believe me, one word from the women of England is worth more than a million from our own women."

THE EAST-END CAMPAIGN

The —— Branch of the ——, being determined that the political enfranchisement of the women workers shall be granted without delay, condemns the Government for introducing a Franchise Bill for men only, repudiates the sham pledges by which the Government are trying to trick the advocates of Votes for Women, protests against the Government which is guilty of such a policy being kept in power by the aid of Labour Votes—and finally calls upon the Labour Members of Parliament to vote constantly and relentlessly against the Government from now onwards until they have either driven them from office or compelled them to introduce and carry a proposal giving votes to women on equal terms with men.

Bow and Bromley Lead!

The above resolution was passed unanimously by the A.S.R.S., Bow and Bromley Branch, on Thursday in last week.

Equality of voting rights with men under the Reform Bill would mean citizen rights for every woman in the Kingdom, and there is no woman so poor that during the next few months she cannot do her part in winning a vote for herself and for us all.

When the transport workers were on strike last year large numbers of women employed in biscuit, tin, jam, and other factories, came out to support the men.

One day whilst the strike was in progress I spent some hours amongst the women strikers, who came to receive the loaves of bread which the Women's Trade Union League were doling out to them to relieve the intensity of their distress. I questioned fully three hundred women as to their average weekly wages, and found that, whilst the vast majority of them were either widows with little children dependent on them, or were maintaining children and a sick husband besides, hardly any were earning more than six or seven shillings a week. One woman, who earned six shillings a week, told me that her husband was in the infirmary dying of phthisis, and that she had five children under twelve, one of whom was a baby in arms. She said that she paid 2s. a week for the rent of the single room in which she and her children lived, 4d. a day, making another 2s. a week, for having the baby "minded" whilst she was at work, and was thus left with only 2s. a week to keep herself and the children in food and clothes and to pay for all the innumerable expenses, from coal and wood to soap and brushes, that housekeeping entails. "How do you manage?" I asked. She answered, "Miss, I don't know."

This is not an isolated case, but one amongst thousands; indeed, the wife of almost every workman is liable to be plunged into equally desperate poverty if her husband dies whilst the children are still young. This fact alone should make women bestir themselves and determine to obtain for women the power to improve their industrial and economic position at all costs.

We have long felt the need for bringing the Woman Suffrage movement into closer touch with the people of the East End, and now the opportunity has come. A vigorous campaign to rouse East London is in progress, and a great procession from Bow Road and a Demonstration in Victoria Park is being arranged for November 10.

Hackney, Islington, and West Ham local W.S.P.U.'s, of course, will organise their own districts during the campaign, and the Paddington, Kensington, and Chelsea local unions are making themselves responsible for a great part of the work, and are opening Votes for Women shops in the following localities:—

Bow and Bromley (W.S.P.U.) shop, 198, Bow Road, organiser, Miss Pollard; open-air campaign, canvassing, &c. Meeting in Bow Baths, October 28. Chair, Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.; speaker, Mrs. Pankhurst.

Poplar (Mr. Sidney Buxton's constituency) (Paddington W.S.P.U.), hon. organiser, Mrs. Muriel Cook; shop, 174, East India Dock Road, Poplar (tel. 3,212 East). Open-air campaign and canvassing; women's meetings, indoor meetings, Thursday, 2.30 to 4.30; evening indoor meetings, Fridays; meeting for Mrs. Drummond and Miss Bonwick, October 23; November 4 meeting for Mrs. Pankhurst in Town Hall.

Mile End and Bethnal Green (Kensington W.S.P.U.), hon. organiser, Miss Ella N. Dalglish. Shop, 34, Green Street, Bethnal Green; open-air campaign, canvassing, &c.; meeting, Excelsior Baths, November 1; speakers, Mrs. Pankhurst and others.

Limehouse (Chelsea W.S.P.U.); further particulars later.

Workers and speakers for the campaign are urgently needed in all the local centres, and friends willing to help should either call at one of the local addresses here given or communicate with Mrs. Drummond at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway.

I wish also specially to appeal for gifts of plants for our East End suffrage shop windows, for shop furniture, and for books and other things that may be sold.

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

For special meetings in connection with this campaign see London Meetings, p. 29.

FIRST LONDON AUTUMN MEETING

The crowded audience at the London Pavilion meeting last Monday was a good omen for the fight which lies before the members of the W.S.P.U. Prepared for anything, they assembled at the opening of the critical autumn campaign, some of the plans for which were outlined by Mrs. Drummond in a vigorous speech. As to other work which may have to be done nothing was said, but the members of the Union showed that they were ready.

Miss Barrett, in the chair, outlined the chief events of the summer, the imprisonment and release of Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans, the messages from Miss Pankhurst, the inauguration of the Canadian campaign, the removal into new offices, and the Government's attack on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence's home.

Mrs. Drummond also appealed to members to work among the Labour organisations in their district, and to get Mr. Lansbury's resolution passed by them. She concluded:—"All that we require is the constituency's mandate—for, however, members may talk, they are always prepared to toe the line when it comes to pulling the string behind the scenes—and that is the vote."

Miss Naylor, in one of her thoughtful addresses, said the great thing was to settle in one's own conscience what was right and go forward and do it, though all the world thought it wrong. Militant deeds were a sign that the patience of women was exhausted; everyone believed in violence as soon as he had a grievance of his own. It required more courage to do what Mrs. Leigh did than to march out to war with a regiment. Militancy was only blamed when women did it.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN

With the object of getting public assurances of anti-Government action, in accordance with Mr. Lansbury's resolution, from staunch Labour members, and applying pressure on those who are not staunch, a campaign is being organised in Labour constituencies. Miss Mary Phillips is in charge of several divisions in Lancashire, and is making her headquarters in that of Mr. Philip Snowden. She has made a beginning, both in Blackburn and in Bolton, and will welcome offers of help from volunteers, as well as subscriptions towards cost of campaign. All who have carefully followed Votes for Women during the past few weeks will realise what a very important piece of work this is.—Org.—Miss Mary Phillips, 101, Montagu Street, Blackburn.)

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LIBERAL WOMEN'S "WARNING"

The annual Council meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Women's Liberal Associations, held at Liverpool on October 7, made a mild attempt at rebellion against the Government. In the course of her presidential address, Mrs. Egerton Stewart-Brown said that Liberal women were profoundly dissatisfied with the so-called Reform Bill. Owing to the attitude of certain Liberals, there was dissension in the ranks of Liberal women, and the resignation or secession of some of the best workers had taken place. The Liberal party could not afford to lose these women. (Cheers.) She proposed the following resolution:—"This Council welcomes the Reform Bill as an opportunity to secure the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise, and relies on the assurances of the Prime Minister that amendments dealing with this point will be left to the House of Commons to incorporate in the Bill, if such is the wish of the majority. This Council urges all Liberal members of Parliament to vote for Sir Edward Grey's amendment, and for Mr. Lloyd George's amendment, and failing Mr. Lloyd George's amendment for an amendment on the lines of the Conciliation Bill, and regretfully records its opinion that if the Reform Bill should become law without the enfranchisement of women many members of Women's Liberal Associations will no longer be able to give active support to the Liberal party."

Referring to the last part of the resolution, the President said it was an insult to their sex that no woman was to be included in the Bill. She thought it would make a considerable difference to the fortunes of the Liberal Party if the Women's Associations were to act as the last part of the resolution suggested. It was not a threat, but simply a record of what was going to take place.

Miss Ogden (Birkenhead) said she thought they ought to make the resolution stronger. The time had come to show the Government decisively that they wanted the vote. Every Liberal women's Association should send forth the resolution that Birkenhead passed last week—that **they must withhold support from the Government, that they would stop at home and refrain from work if they did not get the vote.** The greatest help to the Government would be to pass a resolution stronger than the one proposed by the Council, and to say that the Liberal Associations would refuse to work for them. (Cheers.)

The President said they knew that several Associations, like Birkenhead, were threatening to sever their connection, but by voting for the resolution the delegates did not commit themselves to what had been called the "strike policy" which she and others had personally advocated. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Margaret Barton (Manchester) said that while they were loyal Liberal women, they were warning the Liberal party that many of their friends had become exasperated and had left the ranks. If the women were again disappointed, if women's suffrage, even in its weakest form, should be rejected again by the House of Commons, some of the best friends of the Liberal party would be so disappointed that they would feel they could no longer support the party.

Mrs. Bayfield said that *the Liberal women had it all in their own hands to end the suffrage business.* The Government had brought in a Franchise Bill, and it was the right time for the women to come in. (Hear, hear.) If they did not get the suffrage in the present Bill they would not get it during the present Parliament.

The President in reply to several other short speeches, again said that the resolution was not a threat, but merely a warning. They knew quite well there was a split in the camp on the subject, and on the part of the Executive she asked for a unanimous vote on the subject. The resolution was finally carried, about fifteen delegates dissenting. Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to the Chief Liberal Whip, Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir Edward Grey.

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W.S.P.U. DEPUTATIONS

W.S.P.U. workers in various constituencies are approaching the local members of Parliament with a view to asking them to (1) Use their influence in insisting upon the Government themselves taking the responsibility for including women in the Reform Bill; (2) Advocating that the Labour party shall adopt an anti-Government policy in the House of Commons and force the hand of the Government to give votes to women. Among those already interviewed are Mr. C. Fenwick (Wansbeck, Newcastle), Mr. F. Goldstone (Sunderland), Mr. Godfrey M. Palmer (Jarrow), and Mr. J. W. Taylor (Chester-le-Street).

Mr. Fenwick said he would vote for the Reform Bill, but would not give the deputation any pledge to vote against the third reading if the amendments to include women in the measure were not approved by the House.

Mr. Goldstone said that as to the first question he thought it was useless, as Mr. Asquith had definitely stated it was to be left to the House of Commons; but he thought there was a very good chance of carrying a Woman Suffrage amendment, and then the Government would take all responsibility, and it would live or die with the Bill. To the second question he said he was not convinced that it would be at all a satisfactory plan. The Government could do without the Labour party's votes, or it might force a dissolution; and he was not sure that much would be gained by that. Still, he would consider the matter, and he promised to use all his influence to have the question settled as soon as possible.

Mr. Palmer, after asking "Do you want me to go about with a hatchet?" to which Miss Ainsworth retorted, "No; that is what women have to do. They are not doing it for fun," said that he had already explained to the secretary of the Jarrow Women's Liberal Association that he was going to do all he could for Women's Suffrage. That society, he added, had done far more for votes for women than the militants. It was absolutely impossible to put the question into the Bill. The Prime Minister would rather resign. "What definite programme do you want me to carry out?" he asked. Miss Ainsworth replied that they wanted Mr. Palmer's influence exercised in favour of inclusion.

"I think it is in a hopeless mess in the House of Commons at present," Mr. Palmer replied, "and several members who sit around me are going to vote against it because of your recent tactics."

Mr. Taylor repeated his former pledge to vote against the third reading if an amendment to include women was not brought forward in the meantime.

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DORKING AND HOLMWOOD CAMPAIGN

Organisers: Miss C. A. L. Marsh and Miss H. Gordon Liddle, 43, Howard Road, Dorking.

Open-air meetings are being held all over the district, and great interest has been aroused. The meetings will continue each evening until the day of the sale. Contributions to defray expenses of campaign will be welcomed by the organisers.

TRIAL OF MISS CRAGGS

The trial of Miss Helen Craggs, which, it will be remembered, was postponed to the October Sessions, will open at Oxford on Friday, October 18, at eleven o'clock. Miss Craggs was indicted on July 20 with "being found at one a.m. on July 13, upon the garden in the occupation of Mr. Lewis Harcourt, M.P., for an unlawful purpose, to wit, to commit the felony of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to a house and building belonging to Mr. Harcourt." As the Court is a small one, those wishing to be present should apply at once to the Under-Sheriff of the County.

The trial is being made the occasion of a special campaign in Oxford, and the local W.S.P.U. secretary asks us to say that she will be glad of help of all kinds from volunteers. A series of open-air meetings at the Martyrs' Memorial will open this evening (Friday, October 11), at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, October 16, from 8 to 10 p.m. a special At Home will be held in the Masonic Buildings, when Miss Craggs will be present, and the Lady Isabel Margesson will speak. All Oxford members are warmly invited to be present, and to bring their friends. Invitation cards may be had free from the Organiser; they are not, however, necessary for admission. The Oxford Organiser is Miss Dorothy Pethick, 53, Woodstock Road.

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LEGAL DEFENCE FUND.

Those friends who have shown such practical sympathy with the Dublin prisoners will be greatly relieved to hear of the release of Miss Evans after her long ordeal, and will feel anxious to do all in their power to save Miss Craggs from being subjected to such brutal treatment. Subscriptions to this fund should be sent direct to Miss Goodliffe, Hon. Treasurer, 62, High Street, Hampstead, N.W.

Already acknowledged, £192 5s. 8d.; Miss Hewett, 5s.; Fulham and Putney W.S.P.U. in Memory of Nurse Pitfield, 18s. 6d.; L. J. P., 10s.; Miss Trendell, 5s.; M. H., 10s.; Miss Grace Wylie, £1 1s.; A man who admires the splendid courage of Mrs. Leigh and Miss Evans, 10s. Total, £196 5s. 2d.

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"WILKS AND LIBERTY"

There was a dramatic and unexpected ending to the protest meeting, one of many held during the imprisonment of Mr. Wilks, outside Brixton Prison on October 2. At the moment when Mrs. Cobden Sanderson was calling for his release, Mr. Wilks suddenly appeared among his friends. For some moments the speakers and audience could hardly believe their eyes, but as soon they grasped the fact that Mr. Wilks was really free, their delight found vent in enthusiastic cheers. It appears that as Mr. Wilks, who was in the Infirmary, lay listening to the cheering and singing outside the prison, a warder entered and said, "You can join your friends if you like." Mr. Wilks was then taken to the discharging room and allowed to go.

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WOMEN'S SHARE IN WAR

From the "Daily Chronicle"

Bands of women volunteers have been organised to make clothes and to prepare rations for the men in the field. Others are preparing to serve with the Red Cross Samaritan Society, which was organised last year. In all the girls' high schools ambulance instruction was begun yesterday. . . .

Soldiers are marching through the streets on their way to the frontier with flowers and leaves stuck in the barrels of their rifles and in their greatcoats. Their womenfolk march beside them carrying the day's dinner, which in many cases consists of fowls and other delicacies.—**Henry W. Nevinson (Sofia).**

Turkish women, too, are taking a prominent part in the nation's preparations for war. A large number are volunteering for ambulance work, and have already joined the Red Crescent Society, and are clamouring to be sent to the front.—**Martin H. Donohoe (Constantinople).**

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MORE CLAIMS

On October 1, before the Recorder of Dublin, the Dublin Theatre Company claimed compensation under the malicious Injuries Act for damage estimated at £18 7s., caused by the attempt of Miss Gladys Evans and Mrs. Mary Leigh to set fire to the Theatre Royal on the night of Mr. Asquith's visit. The Recorder awarded £15, and £2 10s. costs.

The Commissioners of Public Works applied for compensation for the malicious breaking of panes of glass in Government offices on the occasion of the Suffragists' window-smashing campaign. It was stated that Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington, who had been summoned to give evidence, was at present unable to appear, and the Recorder adjourned the case till the next Sessions.

A MESSAGE FROM BELGIUM

It has been stated in the Brussels Press that M. de Brocqueville's Cabinet have almost decided, under formidable popular pressure, on a measure of Woman Suffrage as part of a Franchise Bill.

In an interesting letter which accompanies the article below, M. Max Rochez, who is a retired Belgian civil servant, asks for news of the suffrage movement in England, and says: "Women's votes will lead to good everywhere; the rights of women and of children must be maintained."

LES UNITÉS ÉLECTORALES: L'UNITÉ-HOMME ET "L'UNITÉ VIE"

L'on se plaint de la faillite du régime parlementaire, de la vie chère, de l'affaiblissement de natalité, d'une foule d'autres faits; ce sont partout, plaintes, récriminations, tâtonnements. En tout cela, comme toujours, l'homme est l'instrument de ses infortunes: grèves, guerres, famines, pestes, sont des fruits de son imperfection. De même, le régime parlementaire, mal fondé, est devenu un nouvel élément d'infortune. Il n' a pas une origine éminente, comparable aux paisibles institutions de Moïse, ou à la charitable religion de Jésus-Christ.

Le régime parlementaire, au contraire, naquit en Angleterre et en France, dans la violence, le guerre et le sang. L'on ne pouvait, en cet état de frénésie, faire œuvre parfaite et définitive; une erreur fondamentale fut commise. L'on se trompa dans la détermination de l'unité électorale. L'unité censitaire ou capacitaire, masculine, prévalut; elle pose sur des bases d'intérêts, bases fictives et mesquines, issues de la loi d'argent; cela n'est ni naturel, ni général, mais simplement une spécialité discutable et discutée. De cette erreur fondamentale, résulta, graduellement, le malaise de l'époque présente. Il fera adopter, par sa gravité croissante, l'unité électorale, naturelle et incontestable, pour ainsi dire, scientifique, "l'unité vie."

La société, antérieure au régime parlementaire, reconnaissait le droit divin, c'est-à-dire le principe de royauté sacrée, gouvernant comme instrument de Dieu. Tous les sujets relevaient de cette royauté, pour ainsi dire, divine. Les principaux éléments de vie, la paternité, la maternité et l'enfance, tous trois également sous la protection divine et royale, accomplissaient leurs devoirs et exerçaient leurs droits naturels, sans abus, ni entraves; l'équilibre n'était pas rompu par un monopole politique, tout artificiel, en faveur de l'une des parties et précisément de la plus forte.

En abolissant ce principe du gouvernement royal, absolu, de droit divin, en y substituant le régime parlementaire, l'homme se créa un monopole politique, contre nature, car il exclut, de son système, la femme et l'enfance. Il rompt donc à son profit l'équilibre naturel! Tout, dès lors, se transforme. Tel un vulgaire accapareur, l'homme abuse de son monopole; il s'y endurcit au point qu'il n'en voit plus même les pernicieux effets. L'action divine et les prérogatives royales abolies, il s'approprie tout; c'est, dès lors, l'homme-roi, l'homme-dieu.

Oh, combien sont terribles les résultats de cet égoïsme masculin! Ne voit-on pas en certaines nations, autrefois généreuses, ayant perdu depuis l'équilibre naturel, la maternité et l'enfance dépérir, tandis que, graduellement, l'exception devient la règle, la dégradation se généralise: La femme, de plus en plus, descend au rôle d'appâts pour les plaisirs des hommes-dieux; elle s'évertue pour accomplir ce rôle de mieux en mieux; elle en suppute amoureusement les profits et les grades, tandis que la maternité et l'enfance, de plus en plus, deviennent un pis-aller, laissé à celles qui ne peuvent mieux faire. Sur cette corruption croissante domine l'homme rapace et jouisseur. Autant terrible est ce mal, autant est admirable le dévouement des dames bienfaisantes qui veulent y remédier. Nombreuses parmi elles, voient absolument toute la gravité des plaies sociales; leur ardeur, allant jusqu'au sacrifice, se concoit aisément; elle édifie et encourage tous les esprits généreux.

Un gouvernement defectueux, issu de principes erronés, est en état, par injure ou tyrannie, de priver toute personne des éléments matériels et moraux de première nécessité et, aussi, de secours indispensables. La vie, par conséquent, dépend du bon gouvernement, autant que du bon air. En remplaçant le droit divin par le régime parlementaire, la Société créait un besoin nouveau, nécessaire à chacun au même titre que le pain, l'air et l'eau; c'était le vote, le principe de l'unité-vie, électorale. Rien ne fait mieux ressortir ce nouveau besoin que les termes de l'oraison dominicale, "give us this day our daily bread." Cette demande, en plus du pain, soutentend toutes les matières indispensables et les moyens de les obtenir. Parmi ces moyens, l'essentiel, sous le régime du droit divin, était l'action divine sur la personne royale, puisque tous les sujets relevaient de la royauté, en union sacrée avec la Divinité. Sous le régime parlementaire, au contraire, la demande de l'oraison dominicale, sous-entend, comme moyen essentiel, une bonne représentation, issue d' un corps électoral, selon le principe de l' "unité-vie," c'est-à-dire dans lequel toutes le personnes vivantes soient représentées.

Le régime du suffrage universel, masculin, ne renferme aucun principe fécond, ni tutélaire, rien de maternel. C'est la domination pure et simple du mâle jouisseur, sur la femelle féline et stérile. Je n'apprécie pas, je signale l'exemple des nations, affligeés de ce suffrage universel masculin. Plus l'être vivant est faible, mieux sa représentation doit être assurée. C'est pourquoi la femme et l'enfance ne peuvent être exclues impunément, au profit de l'homme célibataire, ou dégagé de famille. La femme, même la mère, même celle ayant engendré de nombreux descendants, même celle qui après le décès du mari assure la subsistance des mineurs, la femme n'a pas d'action sur la représentation nationale, ni sur le gouvernement, tandis que celui-ci, par des œuvres néfastes, est en état d'affamer la famille, ou d'entraver l'action éducatrice de la mère. De tels principes ne sont pas définitifs.

Le régime électoral de l'unité-vie est, au contraire, le définitif suffrage universel, généralisé, renfermant tous les éléments en vie. En vertu du régime nouveau, le pouvoir émanera de toutes les sources vives et actives de la société, sans distinction de sexe. Mais la femme ne lutte jamais pour elle seule; son action, toujours, fait une part à l'enfance. Il ne s'agit pas évidemment d'amener les mineurs à l'urne électorale, mais de les y représenter, par un vote supplémentaire appliqué, selon le cas, au père ou à la mère, et basé sur le nombre et l'âge des mineurs qu'ils représentent. Un total de 21 ans, pour deux ou plusieurs mineurs, justifie sans doute un vote supplémentaire, au père ou à la mère veuve.

Ces institutions produiront deux effets notoires: D'une part, les votes des gredins et des drôlesses seront submergés, par ceux des honnêtes pères et mères de famille. D'autre part, l'enfance sera représentée dans le corps électoral, en même temps que la maternité. Les deux sexes sont également intéressés au choix judicieux d'un régime équitable, car il est, en ce moment, bien utile d'imprégner la famille et la Société, d'un bon esprit vivifiant.

C'est pourquoi, aucun parti ne voudra combattre, systématiquement, ce régime patriotique, bien justifié. S'inspirant de bon sens et d'équité, chacun voudra, au contraire, la prompte organisation électorale de "l' unité-vie" de préférence à l' unité-homme.

MAX ROCHEZ.

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TEACHERS' FRANCHISE UNION

In view of the fight English Women Teachers are making, it is interesting to note that the following resolution was passed at the National Education Association at Chicago on July, 1912:—"Whereas, the great and grave responsibility of the teachers of the country is the training of the youth to realise the duties, rights, and privileges of citizenship, and whereas the ability to adequately accomplish this work demands not only the knowledge of the functions of citizenship but also the right to exercise them, be it resolved that the Association believes in and urges the granting of the right of suffrage to the women of the United States."

The meeting at which this rsolution was passed represented considerably over 10,000 men and women.

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MEN'S POLITICAL UNION
For Women's Enfranchisement

In spite of fog a good audience listened to Mrs. Lamartine Yates and Mr. Reginald Pott in Hyde Park on Sunday. In addition to Mr. C. Gray, Mr. Nevinson, and Mrs. Lamartine Yates the above society will have on its platform, Kensington Town Hall, November 8, Mr. Pethick Lawrence, Mr. Harben, and Mr. Reginald Pott. Tickets (2s., numbered and reserved; 1s. and 6d. reserved) now ready, and can be obtained at office on sale or return. The secretary will be glad to hear from members and sympathisers willing to act as stewards and as poster-paraders on Saturday, November 2. An urgent appeal is made to all members to communicate without delay with headquarters, and to state in what particular way each can help with Union's work. Support at open-air meetings will be appreciated. For meetings, see programme. Already acknowledged: £1,660 16s. 9d.; S. Sparrow, Esq., 5s.; H. D. Harben, Esq., £2; J. W. Youngs, Esq., 1s.; Membership fees, 3s.; Sundry receipts, £1 9s. 7d.—£1,664 15s. 4d.—(Hon. Sec.—Victor D. Duval. Office—13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)

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MEN'S FEDERATION FOR W.S.

The processions around Brixton Prison were resumed Monday, Sept. 30, followed by meetings. Meetings were also held on Sunday last at Finsbury Park, and at Bexhill-on-Sea and elsewhere, and resolutions of protest against Mark Wilk's imprisonment were carried unanimously. Speakers: Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Miss Nancy Lightman, Mrs. Ives, also Messrs. Victor Prout, E. W. Futvoye, and Dr. Macpherson. The event of the week was the release and dramatic appearance of Mark Wilks on our platform just as meeting was being closed on Wednesday, October 2. On Thursday an enthusiastic Mark Wilks's "Joy Day" demonstration around prison, accompanied by musical honours, followed by a most successful mass meeting, closed a most eventful week. Meetings as usual at Finsbury Park Sunday next. Sympathisers are urgently solicited to join Federation. Particulars of membership from Hon Sec., Victor Prout, 28, St. Paul's Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

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We are glad to note that the dramatiser of "Westwood Ho!" a romantic drama, produced by Mr. Matheson Lang at His Majesty's Theatre, Johannesburg, on September 28, is a Suffragist. Miss Peggy Webling, author of "Virginia Perfect," "Felix Christie," and other novels, has founded the play on Charles Kingsley's novel of that name. She is a member of the Women Writers' Suffrage League.

The first Congress of the Men's International Alliance for Woman Suffrage will take place in London from October 23-29, 1912. Particulars may be obtained at the offices of the Men's League, 136, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, S.W.

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MISS GLADYS HAZEL

We were only able to allude briefly last week to the case of Miss Gladys Hazel, who was arrested in Dublin for obstruction while distributing handbills, and whose case was, as we went to press, dismissed by Mr. Swifte, K.C., Chief Divisional Magistrate.

Mr. Gerald Horan (instructed by Mr. Tobias) conducted the case for the police. Mr. E. H. Burne (Messrs. Gerald Byrne and Co.) appeared for Miss Hazel.

Police evidence of the arrest having been given, Mr. Burne said his contention was that his client was not properly brought before the Court, and that fact struck at the root of the magistrate's jurisdiction. Her arrest was irregular and illegal. Arrest was only justifiable when the constable could not obtain the name and address of the person causing the obstruction. It was not fair to ask his client to give up her common law right. For generations handbills had been given out in Grafton Street in connection with various movements. These bills given out by Miss Hazel only contained an announcement of a Suffragette meeting. He asked the magistrate to shorten the case by deciding on the point he had raised, namely, as to jurisdiction on the summons.

Mr. Swifte said that the proposition he had made to the defendant [to give an undertaking not to repeat the offence] would have shortened it if she accepted it. He was willing that it should have been shortened on Saturday if the defendant agreed. It would have been better than making a State trial of it.

For the defence Mrs. Kathleen Emerson said that there was no crowd before the constable accosted Miss Hazel, and even then there was nothing unusual.

Mr. Swifte: The distribution of the bills was perfectly lawful, apart from the effect of it, namely, the collecting a crowd.

Mrs. Palmer (Irish Women's Franchise League) stated that she had herself often created more obstruction, and she had never been arrested for it.

Mr. Burne: You belong to the Irish branch of the Women's Suffrage movement?—Yes.

And the defendant belongs to the English branch?—Yes.

The witness said that she followed the constable and his prisoner to the police station. She heard the constable say to another that the charge was one of obstruction, and that Miss Hazel was an Englishwoman. Witness asked what had her being an Englishwoman to do with it, and why he didn't arrest her. "Oh," said another policeman, "you are an Irishwoman. Englishwomen have no right to come here, and we have got to see that they go back again."

Mr. Burne: It is a nice state of things—that an Englishwoman is arrested for doing the same thing as an Irishwoman, and that the latter gets off free.

George Bollard, Superintendent of the Standard Life Insurance Corporation, said he stood for twenty minutes in Grafton Street before Miss Hazel was arrested, and there was no more than the ordinary traffic in the street. Nobody stood still in the street until the constable arrested Miss Hazel.

Mr. Horan said that in view of Mr. Bollard's evidence he could not press the case, although the constable was right in interfering with her.

Mr. Swifte said he differentiated between the evidence of Mrs. Palmer, who had herself been imprisoned for her share in the movement, and the evidence of Mr. Bollard, who was an impartial witness. The case was dismissed with a caution.

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He was satisfied that the distribution of handbills by the defendant had not amounted to obstruction. The policeman, however, had done nothing but his duty in arresting Miss Hazel.—**The Times.**

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JURYMAN PROTESTS

Mr. C. R. Price, of Letchworth, who has been summoned to serve on the grand jury at the Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions on October 14, when Miss Jane Shortt, of Letchworth, is to be tried for breaking the windows of Baldock Post-Office, in a letter to the Clerk of the Peace writes that he "absolutely refuses to take any part in the processes of law as applied to women until women are enfranchised."

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To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Editors, — Contributions from Aylesbury prisoners and their friends for the purse to be presented at the Albert Hall Meeting, on October 17, should be sent to me at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C., by Monday, October 14. I have received the following:—Miss Ada Wright, £1 1s.; Miss Olive Walton 10s.; Miss D. Bowker, £1; Miss G. Stuart, £1; Miss Carroll (Portsmouth), 10s.; Miss C. Lambert, 10s.—Yours, &c.,

C. A. L. Marsh.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Comrades,—I desire to thank you so much for the Votes for Women which you send me every week. The cartoons this week are splendid. It is a pity that both of them could not be posted everywhere. As secretary of the Swindon I.L.P. I have received Mr. Lansbury's letter, and am very proud of the most admirable stand for the women he is making, but I am sorry to say that the I.L.P. here is very inactive. The treatment of the women by the Liberal Government is typical of their treatment of the children after the industrial revolution when they fought the Factory Acts. You can only get from the Liberals what you can fight and knock them down for; then they will parade the streets and say: See what we have given you! The stand which the Labour Party have made for the women is shameful, and makes one think that it is seats and not principles which they stand for. Good luck to you! Forge ahead, and win the day.—Yours, &c.,

H. T. Vaisey.

12, Lagos Street, Swindon.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Editors,—I have cut the enclosed out of to-day's *The Western Morning News*. It is curious how men seem to think it is quite right for them to take up arms and even destroy life if it is to protect their "Constitutional right," but if women even dare to break a window for their "Constitutional right," a long term of imprisonment is considered quite a fitting punishment for them. I wonder when we shall break down this barrier of prejudice and narrow-mindedness, and this double standard of morals.—Yours, &c.,

C. M. Dawson.

The enclosed cutting gave the following quotation from a speech by Lord St. Audries on resistance to the Insurance Act:—

> He did not deny that there had been occasions on which Englishmen had, perhaps, been justified in resisting the law to their utmost—occasions on which they had even felt justified in taking up arms against the law, when their Constitutional rights had been threatened by Crown or Parliament in a manner unjust and irrevocable. Such occasions might arise again, but the passing of the Insurance Act was not such an occasion.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Comrade, — Californian women vote. Whether they ever acknowledge their debt to English women or fail to see the connection, they owe their votes to the militant movement. American suffragists have often been praised, in the few years since we have been discovered, for using mild methods. Accompanying each fresh outbreak on your part and the regular blame visited upon your tactics, came the compliment that praised us at your expense. Without your seven years of agitation, publicity, ingenuity, and martyrdom, we should be just where we were five years ago, begging and pleading humbly for votes for women, and apologising for interference in the man-made world. Our editors to-day, and many of our new women voters, are keeping up the same short-sighted comments, and the same comparisons in our favour. The English Government has been breaking justice much longer than you have been breaking conventions and glass, and more of it too. Your so-called violence is mild compared with that you have yourselves suffered in your own lives and persons. And just so long as you refrain from murder, I shall raise my voice in your behalf. All that you have ever done, and all that you decide upon to-morrow, I endorse to-day.—With the deepest respect and gratitude, Yours for all of us,

Alice Park.

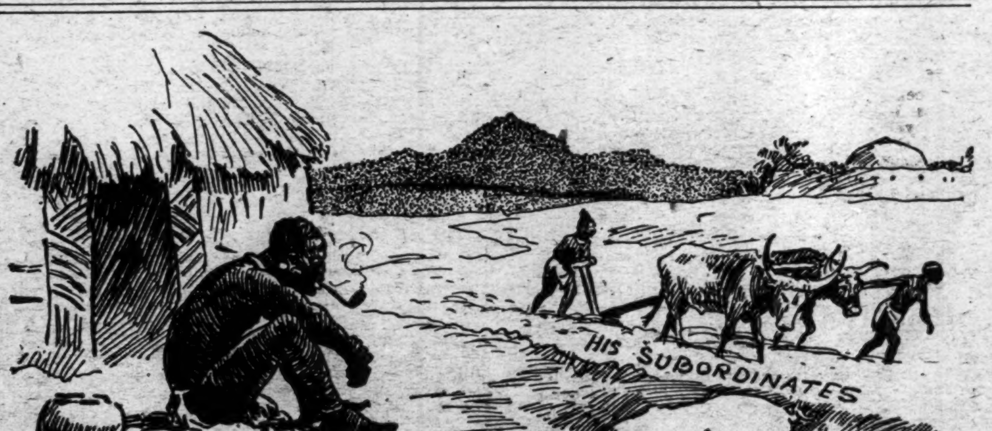
611, Gilman Street,
Palo Alto, California,
August 17, 1912.

A correspondent sends us some interesting figures relating to child marriages and child widows in India. Her letter, which is too long to print entire, makes some criticisms on the article by Mr. Mongia, which we published in Votes for Women for September 20, entitled "Woman's Place in Hinduism." She writes: "I do not fully agree with the writer of the article when he says that Hinduism had nothing to do with early marriages, the purdah system, perpetual widowhood, and all those evils we see in the Hindu society to-day. If the Hindus, with the Mahomedan conquest of India, succumbed to the pernicious system of purdah, Hinduism surely ought to be discredited. If the state of Hindu society was so chivalrous before the Mahomedan invasion, as the writer paints it, why did the Hindus become an easy prey to this evil custom? Where was the moral force of Hinduism there?" The writer goes on to describe an incident witnessed at Trichinopoly: "I saw a Brahmin girl of about eleven years old being dragged from her home by three or four men, just as a bull is dragged to a slaughter house. She was resisting and crying as loudly as she could. I was told that she was a new widow, and that she was being taken to the temple in order that she might offer some sacrifice as a preliminary to the shaving of her head. I had till then only read about such things. I shall never forget that sight in my whole life. Though there may not be actual physical force used in many cases, still there is the moral force against which the poor victims cannot raise their voices, and the public has not much chance of knowing what is going on inside a Hindu family. I have before me the figures for the Madras Presidency only. According to the census of 1911, on the day the census was taken, there were 37 widows and 35 widowers who were not one year old, and 37 widows and 28 widowers between two and three years old. There were more than 1,500 widows who were below five years of age. The Madras Presidency contains only one-fifth of the Indian population, and this evil custom is not a bit less in force in other parts of India. It is not at all a strange thing in India to hear of marriages of children who are not one year old. As a rule Brahmin girls are married before they reach their eighth year."

A Woman Teacher writes with reference to the "Equal Pay for Equal Work" discussion at Merthyr Tydvil, referred to in last week's Votes for Women:—"It came as a great surprise to women teachers to find that Mr. Dakers was moving this resolution, because previous to his election to the vice-presidency he pledged himself to propose a scale giving equal pay to men and women. Now he proposes a scale with a marked differentiation. The vote was taken by a show of hands, and was declared lost. This is not to be wondered at when we consider that the ratio of men representatives to women was more than three to one. This proves again the vital necessity for women teachers to send representatives who are known to be staunch supporters of all questions which especially concern women."

Miss Elsie McKenzie writes to a Toronto newspaper:—

"I indignantly oppose the idea that English women have done the 'cause' harm here. It is owing to the untiring efforts of the militant suffragettes that the question of woman's suffrage has become one of the leading questions of the day. The average Torontonian is not even aware that there is a society here; if you mention the word suffrage to him, his mind immediately becomes associated with Mrs. Pankhurst."



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A WOMAN VOTER

Miss Gertrude L. Burke writes to the *Daily Herald*:—

"Maidenhead has just given Suffragists an object-lesson which proves to them that in England a mob is not allowed to ill-treat a voter with impunity, though it may practice on voteless women all the barbarities that in the United States are reserved for the negro victims of the lynch law.

"On Saturday evening I had the honour, as an Australian voter, of addressing a W.S.P.U. meeting at Maidenhead. When I made my appearance I was greeted with a fusillade of vegetable produce and fireworks. This exhibition of English fair play went on continuously till the end of my speech. Personally I have no complaint to make; for I believe that in the Old Country vegetable produce is a recognised form of political argument between man and man. And fireworks are only a gentle form of the chivalry that is shown to women by a certain type of Englishman in this country, where a man may treat a woman as he would not treat a dog or a horse.

"The anti-Suffragists at Maidenhead did not succeed in inflicting any personal injury on me; and they only managed to burn one hole in my clothing. So I left the town unharmed. Yet two of the ringleaders were arrested by the police, in defiance of the official tradition that regards Suffragists as outlaws, and fair game for gangs of hooligans. The creatures whose outbreak of savagery at Llanstumdwy disgraced the whole Empire are still at large. Until England redeems her honour by arresting at any rate the most guilty of these savages, we can only conclude that there is one law for the voteless women and another for the woman voter."

Miss Burke concludes by supposing that as she possesses a vote in the Commonwealth she is evidently placed in the same category as Cabinet Ministers to the extent of its being illegal to assault her.

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POWERS—OR LIBERAL CABINET?

Now that the Powers whose interests are most likely to be affected have come together, we may hope that they will remain together, and that the Concert of Europe, although it has been unable to accomplish the purpose for which it was recalled into being, will at least succeed in preserving its own existence.—**"Times" leading article, October 9.**

A MARCH THROUGH ENGLAND

Following the precedent of earlier days, when marches to the capital were organised in favour of the Reform Bill, Mrs. de Fonblanque, of Petworth, Surrey, is organising a march of women, leaving Edinburgh on October 12, and arriving in London on November 16. Each day's walk will be about ten miles, and meetings will be held all along the route. Marchers can join at any point on the route, and it is hoped that a large London contingent will fall in as the women approach the South. Its objective is to present a strongly-worded petition to Mr. Asquith demanding Votes for Women this session. The enterprise is not connected with any society, but invites, as its motto states, the "co-operation and goodwill" of all.

Full particulars may be had from Mrs. de Fonblanque, 33, Forrest Road, Edinburgh.

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A WISE PRIEST

At the annual sale at St. Wilfrid's Mission, Newcastle, last week, the Rev. B. Taylor (priest in charge) said that Viscountess Howick (who described herself as a convinced Suffragist) had, he noticed, recently opened a Woman Suffrage sale of work, and he believed there were still several members of the Mission not converted to the question, although he had tried his best to convert them. He thought that Viscountess Howick might very well leave St. Wilfrid's in the background for the moment, and give them a speech on Woman Suffrage. He felt that if women had the vote, it would do a great deal for a district such as that in which they were working. It seemed to him that if they mobilised the common sense of the women of England by granting them the franchise, an identity of interest would result that would settle many conflicting questions of the present day.

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A PROTEST

The *Christian Commonwealth* protests against the exclusion of the great question of Woman Suffrage from the programme of the Congregational Union at Manchester. It points out how dependent religious bodies are on women for the carrying on of their work, and concludes:—"For any religious assembly to be mute on this great question, and to refuse to allow any discussion of the suffrage is simply disgraceful."

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Correspondents are reminded that reports should be received at Lincoln's Inn House not later than Monday morning first post. They should be written on one side of the paper only, and be as brief as possible. As a large number of important meetings are being arranged, at which the leaders and others will speak, will workers in all centres apply to their local office for information as to ticket selling and means of making the meetings known?

W.S.P.U. General Offices: Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

BALHAM AND TOOTING.

Miss Coombs addressed a most successful meeting Tooting Broadway Friday. Paper-sellers wanted Saturday mornings; papers sold out last week. Please make special effort to attend members' meeting Thursday next.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, S.W.)

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Splendid meeting held 6, Stonard Road, Tuesday, October 1, when Mrs. Walker read paper. Miss Gargett addressed meeting Alderman's Hill Saturday in unavoidable absence of Miss Richards. Mr. Metcalf presided. More paper-sellers wanted for meetings. All friends welcome to these meetings.—(Org.—Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, Stonard Road, Palmer's Green.)

CHELSEA.

Members delighted to welcome Secretaries Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock in their midst again after their long absence. Work has been going on apace in connection with Limehouse and Stepney campaign. Supporters badly needed for paper-selling, &c. All local members who can give any time, however small, please call at office and give in names. Jumble Sale fixed for October 22. Helpers wanted. Mrs. Pankhurst will speak Town Hall, Limehouse, October 25. Please note date.—(Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*—Mrs. Temple-Bird. Office—308, King's Road. Tel. No.—Kens. 2858.)

CLAPHAM.

Prisoners' reception most successful. Interesting speeches made by Mrs. Duval, Miss Norah Duval, Miss Elsie Duval, and Miss Annie Bell. Mrs. Drummond also spoke. Collection (£1) taken towards band fund for Victoria Park demonstration. Thanks to all who helped at Jumble Sale and reception.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong. Office—84, Elspeth Road, S.W.)

CROYDON.

Miss James and Miss Richardson have kindly promised tea for next walk, Saturday, October 19; meeting-place, Purley tram terminus, 3 p.m. Those wishing to join should send in names and subscriptions (6d.) to Shop Secretary before Wednesday, October 16. Please support open-air meetings Wednesdays and Fridays. More paper-sellers still wanted.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan. Shop—50, High Street.)

EALING.

Splendid meeting held last Sunday; speaker, Miss Elsa Myers; Mr. J. C. Fuller, chairman. Papers sold out. For further meetings see programme. Jumble parcels should be sent in without delay. Contributions welcome. Help for paper-selling and hand-bill distributions also needed.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. M. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road, W.)

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Post of VOTES captain vacant since Miss Belile moved to Wimbledon. Will someone come forward? Third item last week's Legal Defence Fund list should have been Mrs. Shellshear, 2s. 6d. Contributions for Jumble Sale (Saturday, November 9) urgently needed. They can be sent to shop at any time. Will those who can help in Limehouse and Stepney campaign please communicate with Hon. Secretaries—Mrs. Roberts and Miss L. Cutten. Shop—905, Fulham Road, S.W.

HACKNEY.

Members reminded that purse is still open for Albert Hall meeting. Workers wanted for canvassing shop-keepers, for poster parades, and for chalking parties. More paper-sellers needed.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Glidewell, 130, Rushmore Road, Clapton.)

HAMMERSMITH.

A Speakers' Class, conducted by Madame Moore, will be held Shop Saturday, October 19, 8 p.m., and subsequent Saturdays. Donations towards cost of providing means of warming Shop during winter will be gratefully received. Many thanks to the Hon. Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Bass, Miss Willis, and others for their useful and saleable jumbles.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss J. Carson, 95, The Grove.)

HAMPSTEAD.

Fair and fête Hampstead Town Hall to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday). This must be the one thought and destination of Hampstead members. A marvellous list of attractions has been provided, concerts and theatrical performances being a special feature. The wonderful prizes offered at Lucky Stall has resulted in a tremendous demand for tickets (2s. 6d.). Excellent teas and suppers obtainable at very moderate prices. Thanks to Miss Armstrong for loan of motor-car for advertising. Poster parades have also proved most effective. A regular paper-seller badly needed Friday evenings Hampstead Tube. Miss G. Brackenbury and Miss Jenkins attracted most enthusiastic audience Hampstead Heath last Sunday. Gratefully acknowledged towards Shop rent: Misses Gliksten, 5s.; Miss R. Armstrong, 1s.—(Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*—Mrs. Alfred Weaver, Miss B. D. Solomon. Shop—178, Finchley Road, N.W. Tel.—4900 P.O. Hampstead.)

HENDON AND GOLDER'S GREEN.

Members are invited to bring friends to office Tuesday, 4.30. Saturday evening promenade meetings will be continued until further notice. Many thanks to those members who have worked so hard during last few weeks.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Beldon. Shop—26B, The Parade, Golder's Green.)

HORNSEY.

Miss Brackenbury is speaking at Miss Cowdroy's High School for Girls, 4 and 6, Fairfield Road, near Clock Tower, Crouch End, Thursday, October 10, subject, "Mrs. Grundy and the Modern Woman." Members please bring as many friends as possible. Mr. Laurence Housman will speak on "Sex Chivalry" October 31. Please reserve date. Parcels for Jumble Sale (November 2) may be sent Miss Jackson, 46, Langdon Park Road, Highgate, N. Subscriptions for Albert Hall Purse to Hon. Sec.—Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

October.			
Friday, 11	Balham, Ca'stor Road, High Road	Miss Gargett	8 p.m.
„ „	Bow Obelisk	Miss Burke, Mrs. Beldon	8 p.m.
„ „	„ Wicks Lane	Miss C. Medwin. Chair: Miss M. Wright	8 p.m.
„ „	Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Gwen Richard, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
„ „	Hackney, Graham Road and Amhurst Road	Miss Barry	8 p.m.
„ „	Hackney Library, Paragon Road	Miss A. Gilliatt	8 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead Town Hall Fete and Fair.	Opened by H.H. The Ranee of Sarawak. Chair: Mr. H. W. Nevinson	2-9.30 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Manor Park, The Rabbits	Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.
„ „	Kingston, 13, Union Street	Hostess: Miss N. Gornall	2.30-6 p.m.
„ „	Limehouse	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
„ „	Poplar	Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Cooke	8 p.m.
„ „	Seven Sister's Road, Thane Villas, N	Miss Jacobs, Miss Darton	8 p.m.
„ „	Stepney	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
Saturday „ 12	Bow, Vernon Road, off Roman Road		
„ „	Chiswick, Duke's Road	Miss Feek	8 p.m.
„ „	Golder's Green	Miss Phœbe Rickard	6.30 p.m.
„ „	Hammersmith, 95, The Grove	Jumble Sale	2.30 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead Town Hall Fete and Fair.	Opened by Miss Lena Ashwell. Chair: Rev. Dr. Percy Dearmer	2-9.30 p.m.
„ „	Holloway Prison	Miss M. Wright, Mrs. Bartfield	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Balfour Road (opposite Town Hall)	Miss Harvey	8 p.m.
„ „	Lewisham, 1, Lewis Grove	Members' Rally	3-8 p.m.
„ „	Palmer's Green, Alderman's Hill	Miss Jacobs	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Poplar	Miss Coombs, Mrs. Branson	8 p.m.
„ „	Richmond. Heron Court	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.
„ „	Stamford Hill, corner of Amhurst Park		8 p.m.
„ „	Stratford, Maryland Point Station	Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
„ „	Surbiton, Assembly Rooms, Dutch Market and Café Chantant	Opened by H.H. The Ranee of Sarawak. Chair: Mr. Reginald Pott	3-10 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon Broadway	Mr. John Simpson. Chair: Mrs. Dickinson	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway	Members' Rally	4.30 p.m.
Sunday, 13	Catford, Tram Terminus	Miss Phyllis Ayrton	7 p.m.
„ „	Clapham Common	Miss Coombs. Chair: Miss E. Duval	3 p.m.
„ „	Ealing Common	Mrs. Tidswell	
„ „	Finsbury Park	Men's Federation	3.30 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff	Mrs. Ayrton Gould	11.30 a.m.
„ „	Hyde Park, near Marble Arch	M.P.U. Mr. E. Duval, Miss Lennox	3 p.m.
„ „	Regent's Park	Mrs. McKeown, Miss Aitken	3.15 p.m.
„ „	Streatham Common	Miss Baillie Guthrie	3 p.m.
„ „	Victoria Park	Mrs. Davies	11.30 a.m.
„ „	Wimbledon Common	Miss Elsa Myers. Chair: Mrs. Hutt	3 p.m.
Monday, 14	Bethnal Green	Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
„ „	Bow, Obelisk		
„ „	Bow, Morris Road		
„ „	Brixton, Rushcroft Road	M.P.U., Mr. E. Shaw, Miss Elsa Myers	8.0 p.m.
„ „	Croydon, Small Public Hall	Rev. Moritz Weston, D.D., Mrs. Cather, Mr. R. Pott	3.15 p.m.
„ „	Limehouse	Mrs. Dacre Fox	12.45 p.m.
„ „	**London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.**	**Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Georgina Brackenbury. Chair: Miss Annie Kenney**	**3 p.m.**
„ „	Poplar	Miss Gargett, Mrs. Cay	8 p.m.
„ „	Stepney	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Mrs. Temple Bird	12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 15	Bethnal Green	Mrs. Dacre Fox	12.30 p.m.
„ „	„	Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Smithwick	8 p.m.
„ „	Bow, Vernon Road, off Roman Road		8 p.m.
„ „	„ Wicks Lane		8 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Work Party	2-6 p.m.
„ „	Homerton, Church Road	Miss A. Guttridge	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Palmer's Green, 6, Stonard Road	Fireside Talks	8 p.m.
„ „	Poplar	Mrs. Cooke	8 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Miss Laughton	7 p.m.
Wednesday, 16	Bow, Obelisk		8.0 p.m.
„ „	„ Gabriel's Church, Morris Road		8.0 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Manor Park, Earl of Essex	Miss Harvey	8 p.m.
„ „	Limehouse	Dr. Letitia Fairfield	8 p.m.
„ „	Poplar	Miss Kelly, Mrs. Branson	8 p.m.
„ „	Stepney	Dr. L. Fairfield	8 p.m.
„ „	Thornton Heath Clock	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.
Thursday, 17	Bethnal Green	Mrs. Dacre Fox	12.30 p.m.
„ „	„ „	Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Smithwick	8 p.m.
„ „	Bow, St. Michael's Church, Campbell Road		8 p.m.
„ „	„ Vernon Road, off Roman Road		8 p.m.
„ „	**Royal Albert Hall, Knightsbridge**	**Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence**	8 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon District Station	Members' Meeting	6.30 p.m.
Friday, 18	Bow, Wicks Lane		8 p.m.
„ „	„ Obelisk		8 p.m.
„ „	Camden Town, Cobden Statute	Miss Coombs, Miss Gwynne	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
„ „	Hackney, Well Street and Berger Road	Miss Bonwick, B.A. Chair: Miss Beley	8 p.m.
„ „	Homerton, Eton Mission, Wick Road	Miss E. Glidewell	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Barking, Ripple Road	Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.
„ „	Kingston, 13, Union Street	Hostess: Miss N. Gornall	2.30-6 p.m.
„ „	Limehouse	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
„ „	Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.	Speakers' Class	7.45 p.m.
„ „	Poplar	Miss Rogers, Mrs. Cooke	8 p.m.
„ „	„	Mrs. Vans Agnew Corbett	8 p.m.
„ „	Stepney	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
„ „	Tooting Broadway	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Mrs. Heard	8 p.m.

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ILFORD.

Wednesday's meeting most successful, large audience thoroughly appreciating Mrs. Drummond's speech. Papers sold well at meetings addressed by Miss Harvey (Friday) and Miss Wingrove (Saturday). Members again reminded to chalk announcements of meetings in their own district (see programme). Ilford members hope to send subscription to Albert Hall meeting. Mrs. Crouch, 132, Wellesley Road, will welcome subscriptions, however small.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.)

KENSINGTON.

Miss Wylie has secured in last fortnight three new subscribers to paper for twelve months, two for six months, and one for three months while selling on Kensington High Street pitch. Acknowledged with thanks:—Lady Home, £1, general fund; Miss Grace Wylie, 10s., East End Campaign. New members welcomed: Miss Myrtle Borbend, Miss Mirschin, and Mrs. Annie Key. Contributions Jumble Sale (first week November) should be sent Mrs. Sloan, 41, Lansdowne Crescent, North Kensington.—(Hon Sec., *pro tem.*—Miss Postlethwaite. Shop—143, Church Street, Kensington. Tel.—2116 Western.)

KINGSTON AND DISTRICT.

Helpers asked to be at Assembly Rooms two o'clock to-morrow (Saturday). Those who can come during morning earnestly asked to do so. Secretary will be there from 8.30 a.m. Refreshments or contributions should be taken to hall to-morrow morning as early as possible. Fruit and flowers for decoration still wanted. Fancy articles, home-made sweets and cakes and contributions to White Elephant stall also welcome. Gratefully acknowledged contributions of articles: Mrs. Archibold, Mrs. and Miss Powell, H.H. Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, Mrs. Castle, Misses Rayne, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Arthur Paine, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Bessell, Mrs. Alderson, the Misses Gornall and Miss Gosnell, Mrs. Mayes, Mrs. Rawles, Mrs. Chetti. Miss Fargus is also thanked for presenting prize to Competition. The Misses Rayne and Miss Pearce welcomed as new members. Splendid cottage meeting West Molesey October 4, addressed by Mrs. Cook. Every seat filled Scotch Café same evening, when Mrs. Cook again spoke. Mrs. Beatty presided. Coronation Stone meeting addressed by Mrs. Dacre Fox, Miss Stewart presided for first time. Members asked to note East End demonstration Victoria Park, and to keep November 10 free. There is still time for members to work hard for Dutch Market. Tickets must be sold in large numbers. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Worters, £1 5s.; Male Sympathiser, £1; Mrs. Bessell, 10s.; Mrs. Alderson, 5s.; Mrs. Hemingway, 4s.; Mrs. Robinson, 10s.; Miss Hedges, 2s. 6d.; Miss Gornall, 5s.; Mrs. Daubeny, 5s.; Mrs. Scott, 5s.; Mrs. Burton, 8s.; Mrs. Vallance, 4s.; Mrs. Chetti, 10s.; Mrs. Rogers, 10s.; Mrs. Gilbert Head, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Gush, 2s. 6d.; collection "Scotch Café," 17s. 1d.; membership fees, 3s.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dacre Fox. Office—13, Union Street, Kingston-on-Thames.)

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Miss Nancy Lightman and Mr. Victor Prout addressed meetings Cobden Statue and Holloway Prison. Most delightful rally of members and friends took place Saturday before prison meeting. Mrs. Archibold, Mrs. Duval, and Miss Alice Farmer, late of Winson Green, and Miss Laura Gargett, late of Holloway, were welcomed. Large sale literature, &c., afternoon and evening, most successful. Miss Arthur thanked for library arrangements. Mrs. Collins welcomed as new member. All information about Rallies can be had from Secretary.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Bryer. Office—19, St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.)

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Paddington has undertaken Poplar campaign, so local outdoor meetings have been given up, and speakers transferred to Poplar. They are asked to be at Committee Room, 174, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 7.30 p.m. each evening. Helpers badly wanted for canvassing, poster-parading, and chalking. Mrs. Pankhurst will speak in Poplar Monday, November 4.—(Hon. Org. Sec.—The Hon. E. Haverfield. Shop—52, Praed Street, W.)

PINNER AND HATCH END.

The Hon. Sec. is most anxious to make up good amount for presentation at Albert Hall. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. Verden.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Terrero, Rockstone House.)

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Miss Feek interested large crowd on Saturday last, and Miss Dorothy Arnott presided. Members who have not yet contributed to Albert Hall purse kindly asked to send subscriptions as early as possible to Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Blundell, Stockholm, Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens. Wednesday, November 6, fixed for prisoners' reception; details later.—(Hon Sec.—Mrs. C. T. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road.)

STREATHAM.

A few Albert Hall tickets (1s. 6d. and 6d.) left; apply at once. Many thanks to all who have kept shop supplied with pears, jam, &c., which find ready sale. Will members keep money boxes until December quarter? A telephone will shortly be installed at shop. Members can use it for private calls by paying usual fee, 2d. It is hoped that members have been able to dispose of tickets sent them this week, as local war chest must be replenished.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Tyson. Shop—5, Shrubbery Road.)

WALTHAMSTOW AND DISTRICT.

Open-air meetings continue to attract large crowds. Papers sold out each week. By kindness of Mrs. Lewis, drawing-room meeting was held Chingford Monday, September 30. Mrs. Saul Solomon spoke. Public meeting held Conway Hall. Miss S. Pankhurst spoke, and Miss Bonwick, B.A., presided. Many thanks to members for monthly subscriptions: Miss Tench, 3s.; Miss Trawden, 2s. 6d.; F. Gladwin, Esq., 1s.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss L. C. Hart, 11, Sylvan Road.)

WEST HAM.

Jumble Sale has been fixed Monday, November 4. Members asked to send contributions well before that date to Mrs. Randall, 12, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate. Members who wish to contribute to Albert Hall purse should send contributions as soon as possible to Miss Ormerod, 59, Capel Road, Forest Gate. A weekly work party will be held at shop Tuesday, 7 p.m. Suggestions and designs for banner invited.—Hon. Sec.—Miss D. Morland Hooper, 49, Junction Road, Romford, Essex.)

WIMBLEDON.

Members reminded that special sale of home-made cakes, &c., is on to-day at Shop. No member should fail to contribute towards this practical way of swelling Wimbledon's gift to Albert Hall collection. Contributions should be delivered by 10 a.m. Returnable vessels should be plainly marked with owner's name. A new shop department will be opened this week, thanks to Mrs. Bishop (an expert in philately), who will attend every Monday afternoon, 3.30-6.30 p.m. Will all friends who have means of obtaining rare or interesting stamps kindly send as many as possible to shop, to keep up a good and constant supply. Queen's Hall (Broadway) meetings open Thursday, October 24, 8 p.m., when Mr. Joseph Clayton and Mrs. Cameron Swan will speak. Stewards and paper-sellers needed. Send in names to Miss Lee. Sandwich carriers will be welcome. Thanks to Mr. Bacon for making artistic posters. Watch hoardings for monster announcements. Sunday's meeting another success, Mrs. Bouvier and Mrs. Goodchild speakers. October subscription will be welcome soon, that no arrears need be entered on balance-sheet. Members should try to attend office every Saturday 4.30 p.m. for tea and social chat. Organiser present whenever possible. Jumbles still coming in; send in quickly to Dorset Hall. A few Albert Hall tickets (6d.) can still be had.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Shop—9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel.—1902.)

WIMBLEDON PARK AND S. WIMBLEDON.

Large meeting addressed by Miss Daisy Gibbs Broadway Saturday. It is encouraging to know that these meetings are appreciated. Miss Belile, who has been welcomed into local union, has kindly agreed to be VOTES captain. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help in paper-selling. Gratefully acknowledged: Dr. Bather, 8s.; Mrs. Beatty, 2s.; Mrs. Dickinson, 5s.; A Friend, 6d.; Miss Grant, 1s. 2d.; Mrs. Huggett, 3s.; Miss Kelly, 2s.; Miss Laughton, 2s. 6d.; Miss Marquetti, 2s. 6d.; Miss Stoakley, 4s.; total, £1 10s. 8d.—(Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*—Mrs. Scarborough, 3, Marguerite Villas, Copse Hill, Wimbledon.)

Home Counties.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

It is hoped that a meeting will be held in Popular Tea Gardens, Tuesday, October 15. Notice in shop. VOTES FOR WOMEN sold well last week. Many thanks to Miss Bonner and Miss Hope for help. Other helpers still needed. Mrs. Theresa Gough's speech at "At Home" much enjoyed. Many visitors were present. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Bourne, 5s.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen. Shop—Marina.)

BOURNEMOUTH.

Miss Morgan Jones kindly entertained members, Wednesday, October 2. Much regret was felt that, owing to illness, she was not able to be present herself. Mr. Pethick Lawrence will speak, St. Peter's Hall, Friday, October 25, 8 p.m. Chair, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck. Tickets, numbered, 2s.; unreserved, 1s. and 6d., on sale at Office. Will members do all they can to make meeting a success by selling tickets and giving away handbills. Volunteers wanted for poster-parades at 11.15 on Tuesday, October 22, and Friday, October 25. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Sykes, 2s. 6d.; the Misses Brailey, 5s.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss B. Berry. Office—221, Old Christchurch Road.)

BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND DISTRICT.

Front meetings attracting large crowds. Members willing to show posters, distribute handbills, or sell tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at Dome, please call at Office. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Cunnington and Buxton, 5s.; Miss Lovibond, 1s.; Mrs. Alldred, 10s.; Miss H. Sloane, 8s.; Mrs. Allman, 1s.—(Org.—Miss G. Allen. Office—8, North Street, Quadrant.)

EASTBOURNE.

Offices have been taken at 58A, Grove Road, but will not open formally until end of month. Members and friends asked to let Organiser know at once what presents of furniture, &c., can be expected, so that no unnecessary expense need be incurred.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen, 10, Southfields Road.)

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

Now that weekly "At Homes" have commenced, winter work must start in earnest. Helpers needed for working up monthly "Working Women's Meetings" in old town. Also subscriptions for giving teas. Many thanks to Mrs. Hatchell and Miss Schwarz for promising "At Home" teas for month. Jumble Sale will be held Saturday, November 2. Will all send notice of gifts for sale to Miss Schwarz at shop? Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Sieveking, £2 2s.; Miss Tristram (for sale of glass), 1s. 8d.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen. Shop—8, Claremont.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

The great event of next week is Miss Helen Craggs's trial, which is fixed for Friday, October 18, and will probably last two days or more. Paper-sellers urgently needed outside County Hall and at usual pitch for whole of each day. Will members specially volunteer. It is suggested that those who wish to attend service University Church before Assizes open should meet at office. A special At Home will be held, Masonic Buildings, Wednesday, October 16, 8-10 p.m., previous to trial, when Miss Craggs will be present and the Lady Isabel Margesson will speak. As this may not be publicly advertised, it is particularly urged that all members shall do their utmost to attend and bring friends. Invitation cards may be freely had from Organiser, but are not necessary for admission.

The first of series of Martyrs' Memorial open-airs begins to-night (Friday), 7 p.m. A sum of money will be promised at the Albert Hall from Oxfordshire. Will all those who contribute please send word to Miss Pethick without delay.—(Org.—Miss D. Pethick, 53, Woodstock Road.)

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Members gave a warm welcome to Miss Marsh at reception, Tuesday, October 1, when they presented her with a Thermos flask as a memento. Great regret is felt at her departure. Miss Marsh formed local Unions with the following officials for Portsmouth:—Mrs. Taylor, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. Seymour, Hon. Paper Secretary and Press Secretary; Miss F. Gibson, Hon. Assistant Paper Secretary; Miss Roberts, Hon. Hospitality Secretary; Miss Peacock, Hon. Sec. and Literature Treasurer; Miss Wallis, Assistant Hon. Sec. Many thanks to Miss Roberts for so kindly lending drawing-room. Also to members who contributed refreshments. On Friday successful farewell meeting was held by Miss Marsh at Murdoch's Room. Jumble Sale coming on soon. Contributions welcomed. Southampton officials: Hon. Sec., Miss Cumberland; Assistant Hon. Sec., Miss Baldwin; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Bickley; VOTES Secretaries, Miss Helsby, Miss Warner, Mrs. Hunt; Hospitality Secretary, Mrs. Helsby; Correspondent, Mrs. May.—(Hon. Secs.—Miss L. H. Peacock, 4, Pelham Road, Southsea; Miss Cumberland, College Place, Southampton.)

READING.

Will members who are going to Albert Hall meeting inform Hon. Sec., so that cheap fares may be secured? Contributions or promises towards "Collection" welcomed. It is hoped that all are collecting articles for Sale of Work. Will some kind friend offer to pay this quarter's fee for poster at G.W.R. station? Next "At Home" October 31.—(Hon. Sec. —Miss L. Cobb. Shop—49, Market Place.)

ROCHESTER.

Will Gillingham members please volunteer to advertise and sell tickets in Rochester for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting (Corn Exchange, October 24)? Stewards also needed for this week's important open-air meetings (see programme). Tickets and handbills obtainable from Miss Sharman, 26, Ivy Road, Mrs. McVie, and Mrs. Stroud. Gratefully acknowledged: Anon., 2s.. More donations needed for campaign fund.—(Org.—Miss Evelyn Billing, 157, Maidstone Road.)

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.

Many thanks to Miss Woodthorpe for paper selling at meetings, on cliffs, and bandstand. She has been most successful. Will some others help her during winter months? Winter campaign will be arranged and new officers elected at Wednesday's meeting (see programme).—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Sky, 28, Clifftown Road.)

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Members are reminded that they are expected to help at Jumble Sale to-day, Friday. Jam needed to sell in office. Gratefully acknowledged for local work; H. Harwig, Esq., £1; H. Harwig, Esq., jun., 5s. For Albert Hall purse: Miss Morton, 2s. 6d.; Miss Dickinson, 5s.; and the Misses Wedgwoods, 8s. 6d.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss O. Walton. Office—11, Pantiles.)

WALLINGTON.

The first meeting of new local Union held Wednesday evening, October 2, when Miss Leonora Tyson spoke. Meeting was great success, and augurs well for series to be continued throughout winter.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Young, The Firs.)

WOKING.

Successful members' meeting held Maybury Croft, October 3. Brooches and badges were sold and winter plans made. New members needed for coming season's work. Kindly send names to—(Hon. Sec., Mrs. Barrett, Maybury Croft.)

WORTHING.

Owing to a difficulty in getting speakers for Wednesday outdoor meetings a change has been made to Friday, near the Bandstand, 3.45 p.m., commencing to-day. Members please come and help. A motor-'bus will be chartered to go to Brighton for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, October 22. Please buy tickets at once, and let Miss Douglas know.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Margot Douglas, Fox Down, Findon.)

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The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Party for Albert Hall, October 17, will leave Birmingham midday and return at midnight. Return fare, 9s. 3d. Please send in donations and promises towards Purse to be handed in at meeting as early as possible. Jumble Sale, Digbeth Institute, Wednesday, October 23. Goods to be sent to office now, or, if preferred, will be called for. Tickets, 1s. and 6d., for Dramatic Reading of "Getting Married," by Hubert Humphreys, in Queen's College, October 23, on sale now.—(Org.—Miss D. Evans. Office—97, John Bright Street.)

ILKESTON.

The first of a series of monthly meetings, held at White House, October 1, by kind permission of Miss Lewis. Miss Naylor and Miss Crocker spoke, and Mrs. Clayson presided. Thanks to Miss Mayfield, Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. Roache for paper-selling.

LEICESTER.

Many thanks to Miss Dorothy Pethick for opening autumn campaign, which promises to be most successful. Members, please do your utmost to bring friends to hear Lady Isabel Margesson. There will be no open-air meeting on Thursday on account of Albert Hall meeting. Gratefully received: Miss Currie, 5s.; Miss D. Pethick (trav. ex.), 11s. 3d.; Miss B. Grant, 2s. 6d.—(Hon Sec.—Miss Swain. Office—14, Bowling Green Street.)

SHROPSHIRE.

Members are reminded that a great deal of work must be done by each individual to make Mr. Pethick Lawrence's meeting, November 13, a success. Tickets, price 2s., 1s., and 6d., can be had, on sale or return, from organiser. All contributions to the Albert Hall Fund should be sent in by October 12; over £2 has already been sent in from three members. It is hoped that all will prove as energetic.—(Org.—Miss C. M. L. Markwick, 37, High Street, Shrewsbury.)

WALSALL.

Members are needed to assist in selling at to-morrow's sale (see programme). First autumn meeting was a great success, and all were delighted with Mrs. Muriel Cook's most interesting speech.—(Hon. Org.—Miss F. Ward. Office—19, Leicester Street.)

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West of England.

BATH.

Good open-air meeting held Midsomer Norton, Wednesday, October 2, with kind help of Councillors Holvey and Gould. Gratefully received: Miss Strangways, 10s.; also Jumbles from Miss Batey, Miss Wratislaw, Miss Ponting.—(Hon. Secs.—The Misses Tollemache. Shop—12, Walcot Street.)

BRISTOL.

Members who are willing to start collecting again in own district please send names to Organiser. Jumbles wanted. Please send to Mrs. Barrett, 11, Hanbury Road, Clifton; sale to be held shortly. Success of work party, Oct. 11, 3 p.m., depends on individual effort. Thanks to Miss Howey for open-air campaign, and to those members who helped with street petition for release of Miss Gladys Evans. Please remember Albert Hall collection and local work, and send every penny to the funds. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Edwards, 10s.; Miss Blinkhorn, £1; Clothing Club, £1 15s. 6d.; Miss Staniland, 10s.; Collected by Miss Jessie Smith, 8s. 3d.; Miss D'Arcy, 1s. 6d.; Members' private sales, 4s.; Sale of 4 chairs, 10s.; C. E. L. (sale of flowers), £2.—(Hon Org—Mrs. Dove-Willcox. Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton.)

CHELTENHAM.

It is proposed to hold a Jumble Sale early in November to raise funds for starting Suffrage shop. Particulars given later. Members are reminded that contributions towards Albert Hall Fund must be in by October 16.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Andrews, 2, Vittoria Walk.)

FALMOUTH AND PENRYN.

Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Vans Agnew Corbett, 10s.; Mrs. Carter, 1s.; Mrs. Pascoe, 1s.; Mrs and Miss Powell, 2s.; Misses Richards, 1s.; Miss Rogers, 1s.; Miss Stephens, 1s.; Mrs. Thorne, 1s.; Miss Veale, 1s.; Miss Westlake, 1s.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. Pascoe, 37, Marlboro' Road, Falmouth.)

NEWPORT.

Members and friends reminded that autumn weekly At Homes begin on Wednesday, October 16 (see programme). Please attend and bring friends. More volunteers for weekly paper selling in streets wanted. Can anyone sell on Monday morning? —(Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mackworth and Miss O. M. Fontaine. Office—11, Stow Hill.)

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Wales.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT.

Poster can now be seen in Penarth Road, Salisbury Road, and at station, while a prominent bookseller's in Queen Street shows it occasionally. £1 has been subscribed towards station poster. Who will help towards remaining 10s.? Will members and friends willing to distribute handbills for Miss Brackenbury's meeting send in their names? Miss Lettice Floyd will be glad to have names of members who will help her to sell VOTES at all big meetings in Cardiff. Please call at office for information. Gratefully acknowledged: Anon., £5 for rent; Miss Black, 10s. for rent, and promise of 5s. for poster.—(Org.—Miss Annie Williams. Office—27, Charles Street, Cardiff.)

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Eastern Counties.

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

Many thanks to Mrs. Levett and members who helped to make March At Home, October 1, so successful. Mrs. Cather delighted her audience. Will those living in outlying districts willing to lend rooms for meetings communicate with Organiser? Subscriptions urgently needed towards expenses. £50 fund has been opened. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss V. Bullock, 2s. 6d.; Miss Case, 1s.; Friend, 2s.; Mrs. Garner, 1s.; Mrs. Greenwood, 2s.; Mrs. Levett, 4s. 6d.; Miss Minett, 2s.; Mrs. Rice, 1s.; Miss F. Smith, 2s.; Mrs. Layman, 5s.; March Library, 1s. 11d.; Collection, £1 3s. 3d.—(Org.—Miss O. Bartels, 11, New Square.)

FELIXSTOWE.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak Hamilton Hall, Wednesday, October 30, 8 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that members will do all in their power to make meeting a big success. Tickets can be obtained from Miss Löwy, who will welcome help in canvassing.—(Org.—Miss Grace Roe. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Löwy, The Montague, Felixstowe.)

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Tickets for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting may now be had at shop. Will anyone with an hour or so to spare kindly take a few to sell? For meetings, see programme. Parcels for Jumble Sale will still be welcomed at shop to-day (Friday), or even at St. Mary Elms Parish Room, Saturday morning early. —(Org.—Miss Grace Roe. Shop Sec.—Miss King. Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich.)

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North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

A deputation composed of local members and men voters waited upon Mr. Jowett, M.P. (Lab.), to ascertain his position re the Reform Bill. Jumble Sale postponed until after Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, October 30, that members may devote all their energies to selling tickets. Local members, while congratulating Miss Hartland on her new appointment, express their regret that she is leaving Bradford, and thank her for the good work she has done for the Union. Received with thanks: Miss Hartland, £1.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss J. Millar Wilson. Office —68, Manningham Lane.)

DONCASTER.

At Homes are being arranged at private houses. Will others promise to lend rooms so that plans may be finished. Apply Organiser, through Hon. Sec. Will members wishing to attend Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's York meeting apply at once for tickets; excellent train service. Please keep old clothes for Jumble Sale. Subscriptions wanted for autumn campaign.—(Org.—Miss Key Jones. Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*) Miss W. Mains, Deaf Institute.)

HARROGATE.

Members and friends are looking forward to Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Tuesday, November 12. For meeting, see programme. Many thanks for the following gifts for shop: Mrs. MacWhaton, apple jelly; Mrs. Graham, flower vase and patent stand; A Friend, cake stand and scales; also to Miss A. Wilson and Miss Wollheir for starting the library.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. Hughes, 18A, King's Road.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Members wishing to attend Albert Hall meeting, October 17, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's at York, October 22, kindly communicate with secretary at once. Very cheap fares. "Coffee Socials," with addresses, have been arranged to take place on alternate Thursdays, commencing October 24, at 8 p.m.; hostess, Mrs. Dodgson. Please make known and bring friends. Speakers' Class every other Thursday, 8 p.m. Every member wanted to help with arrangements for Mr. Pethick Lawrence's meeting, November 19; apply Secretary. For meetings, see programme.—(Hon Sec.—Miss C. Palmer. Office—3, Cookridge Street.)

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

The "Suffragettes New Home" proved a great success last Wednesday. Miss Abadam and Miss Davison speakers. Members are reminded of next meeting, Barras Bridge Rooms, October 30, when Mrs. Saul Solomon will speak. Please note date, and bring unconverted friends. A meeting will be held Schoolroom, Barnop Field, Wednesday, October 23; speaker, Dr. Alice Burn. Miss Reay is kindly arranging this. It is hoped that all members will reply to circular letter. Tickets and handbills for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting now ready. A thorough canvass of the town must be made. Miss Violet Taylor is organising sale of Newcastle tickets; members may have them on sale or return. Messrs. Shortt, Goldstone, Burt, Fenwick, Palmer, and Taylor, local M.P.'s, have been interviewed. **Morpeth.**—Friends urged to bring unconverted people to to-night's meeting. **Sunderland.**—Next meeting being kingly arranged by Miss Thompson and Miss Sutherland, when Mrs. Saul Solomon will speak; date announced later. Members are urged to start working for Lady Isabel Margesson's meeting, Edward Hall, November 21. **Jarrow.**—Members asked to rally round Mrs. Crow and increase paper circulation. Mr. Palmer's answer to deputation unsatisfactory, and his constituents must be made thoroughly cognisant of position. Social fixed for November 27; Lady Isabel Margesson's meeting, November 18. **South Shields.**—Organiser appeals to members to start working for meeting, Congregational Hall, November 26, when Miss Brackenbury will speak. Successful meetings held Market Place. Speaker, Miss Davison. The Organiser will be glad if members and friends will kindly arrange afternoon meetings.—(Org.—Miss L. Ainsworth. Office—77, Blackett Street, Newcastle.)

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Members' meeting held as usual first Wednesday.

MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

October.			
Friday, 11	Bath, Saw Close	Miss M. Kerr. Chair: Miss Francis	7 p.m.
" "	Chatham, near Town Hall	Miss Evelyn Billing, Miss Sharman	7.30 p.m.
" "	Edinburgh, Leith Walk	Miss M. Burn Murdoch. Chair: Miss Shaw	8 p.m.
" "	" Hunter Square	Miss Melrose. Chair: Miss Macdonald	8 p.m.
" "	" Tollcross	Miss M. Scott. Chair: Miss Moorhead	8 p.m.
" "	Morpeth, Masonic Hall	Miss E. Davison, Miss V. Taylor, Dr. Alice Burn	8 p.m.
" "	Oxford, Martyr's Memorial	Miss D. Pethick. Chair: Mr. W. H. Crook	7 p.m.
" "	Redhill, Carlton Room	Members' Meeting	6.30 p.m.
Saturday, 12	Edinburgh, Mound	Mrs. Finlayson Gauld. Chair: Miss Moorhead	4.30 p.m.
" "	" West End	Miss M. Burn Murdoch. Chair: Miss Shaw	8 p.m.
" "	" St. David Street	Miss A. Scott. Chair: Miss Macdonald	—
" "	Harrogate, 180, King's Road	At Home. Hostess: Miss Bird	3-5.30 p.m.
" "	Redhill, Ladbroke Road	Miss Leonora Tyson	8 p.m.
" "	Southend, outside Technical Schools	Mrs. Bouvier	7.30 p.m.
" "	Strood, Commercial Road	Miss E. Billing. Chair: Mrs. McVie	7.30 p.m.
" "	Walsall, Small Temperance Hall	Jumble Sale	3 p.m.
Sunday, 13	Leeds, Woodhouse Moor	Miss Millar Wilson	3.30 p.m.
Monday, 14	Bristol, Victoria Rooms	At Home. Miss Dorothy Bowker	3.30 p.m.
" "	Clacton, Winter Garden	Jumble Sale	—
" "	Glasgow, Charing Cross Halls	Miss Marie Naylor. Chair: Miss J. Allan	3.30 p.m.
" "	Hastings, 8, Claremont	At Home	4-6 p.m.
" "	Preston, 17, Balderstone Road, Broadgate	Important Business Meeting	7.30 p.m.
" "	Wallasey, Liscard Concert Hall	Social	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 15	Bexhill, W.S.P.U. Shop, Marina	At Home	4-6 p.m.
" "	Ipswich, St. Peter's Hall	Miss Georgina Brackenbury	3 & 8 p.m.
" "	Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street	Tea. Hostess: Miss Whinfield	3.30-5.30 p.m.
" "	Leicester, No. 4 Room, Temperance Hall	The Lady Isabel Margesson. Chair: Mrs. Pemberton Peake	8 p.m.
" "	Portsmouth, 4, Pelham Road	Committee Meeting	8.30 p.m.
" "	Rochester, Borstal, Tram Terminus	Miss Evelyn Billing	7.30 p.m.
" "	Wallington, 1, Hillside Gardens	Mrs. Cather	8 p.m.
" "	York, Exhibition Square	Miss A. Suffield, Miss Key Jones	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 16	Bedminster, London Inn	Miss Jessie Smith	7.30 p.m.
" "	Bristol, Fishponds. Debating Society	Miss Dorothy Bowker	8 p.m.
" "	Cheltenham, 2, Vittoria Walk	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Clacton	Work Party. Hostess: Mrs. Tighe	
" "	Ipswich, Broad View, Members' Meeting	Hostess: Miss Lison	3 p.m.
" "	Leigh, Carlton Drive Members' Meeting	Hostess: Mrs. Grant Roseville	3 p.m.
" "	Newport, Temperance Hall	Miss Annie Williams	3.30 p.m.
" "	Oxford, Masonic Buildings	The Lady Isabel Hampden Margesson Chair: Miss Pethick. Tea	8-10 p.m.
" "	Redhill, Carlton Room	Members' Meeting	6 p.m.
" "	Walsall, Co-operative Hall	Rev. G. D. Rosenthal	3 p.m.
Thursday, 17	Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street	Speakers' Class	8 p.m.
" "	Manchester, 32, King Street, West	Annual Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 18	Rochester, Northgate	Miss Billing, Miss Sharman	7.30 p.m.

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YORK.

Many thanks to members who helped in office last week. More canvassers wanted for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting, October 22. Every member responsible for its success. Don't forget Jumble Sale. Volunteers wanted for chalking parties. Miss Agnes Suffield addressed men's class, Hope Street, Adult School last Sunday.—(Org.—Miss Key Jones. Office—Colby Chambers, Coppergate. Tel.—692.)

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North-Western Counties.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

The combined Suffrage and Tax Resistance meeting, October 1, was encouraging. Mrs. W. Forrester (Manchester) and Miss Hicks (London) speakers. Thanks to those who helped, particularly Miss Holdens. Mrs. Coope invites donations towards Albert Hall Fund, to be sent to her not later than October 12. Jumbles for Sale in November are needed, especially skirts and blouses. Miss Mary Phillips is going to organise in Lancashire, and will be glad to receive help in Bolton district. Gratefully acknowledged: Frau Rief, Würzburg, 3s. 6d.—(Hon. Secs.—Miss M. Martin and Miss S. W. Holden, 685, Manchester Road, Great Lever. Bolton.)

MANCHESTER.

There will be no members' meeting to-night (Friday), but office will be open 6—8 p.m. Members are asked to attend annual meeting (see programme). A Sale of Work will be held Saturday, October 26. Will all who can give any assistance please communicate with Mrs. Smith, Selwood, Bramhall Lane, Davenport? Next monthly meeting will be held Friday, November 1, when Mrs. Kineton Parkes will speak. Members please make this meeting known.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss K. Wallwork. Office—32, King Street, W.)

WALLASEY.

Thanks to members for help towards social expenses. Miss Hoy would be glad to hear from any members who have not already secured tickets (6d.) for Monday's Social (see programme). Further gifts will be gratefully acknowledged—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Lee, 58, Belvidere Road.)

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Scotland.

ABERDEEN.

Members urged to bring friends to meetings. Local work's success depends on individual endeavour. Bundles for Jumble Sale, October 26, are wanted. Work must now concentrate on Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting, Y.M.C.A. Hall, November 4. It is hoped every member will work hard at ticket selling. Good meetings held at Wallace Monument, and at Torry Miss Zetta Reid chaired.—(Org.—Miss L. Mitchell. Shop—7, Bon Accord Street.)

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Members asked to send subscriptions in time for Albert Hall meeting, October 17. Work for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting in Perth has begun. Will anyone who can help in any way write Organiser as soon as possible?—(Org.—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Office—61, Nethergate.)

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Members requested to send Jumbles at once to Mrs. Charlton, 27, Frederick Street, between 10 and 6 p.m. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., will speak, Synod Hall, November 7. With members' help this ought to be a crowded meeting. Many helpers wanted for office and outdoor work.—(Org.—Miss L. Burns, B.A. Office—27, Frederick Street.)

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Mr. Charles Hease addressed meeting, Green, last Sunday. Next Sunday there will be no outdoor meeting, as everyone is expected to attend I.L.P. meeting, Metropole Theatre, Stockwell Street, when Miss Marie Naylor will speak. Large attendance especially desired for first At Home on Monday, October 14 (see programme). Members requested not to forget contributions for Albert Hall meeting. Paper sellers urgently needed.—(Hon. Org.—Miss M. Underwood. Offices—502, Sauchiehall Street.)

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SPEAKERS' CLASS

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Sec.—Miss Hale, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

The first public class will take place Friday next, October 18, at Lincoln's Inn House. Will all members please be at main entrance hall not later than 7.45 p.m.? Speeches will be made on the latest situation, so members are urged to read Votes for Women carefully? Miss Leo's private classes take place every Saturday, by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., at 4 p.m. Both these courses are open to members of the W.S.P.U. only.

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THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOC. FOR W.S.

Tickets (price 2s. 6d.) for reception to Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, November 18, 8.45 p.m., can now be obtained from Secretary. Friends urged to send Jumbles to office at once, as marking cannot all be done at last moment. Members entreated to begin working for Christmas Sale, which will take place early in December. Mr. W. L. George will speak at office, Tuesday, October 15, 3 p.m., on "Feminism: Its Ultimate Aims Considered." Mrs. Valpy hostess.—(Office—8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge.)

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IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE

Meetings in Phœnix Park on Saturday and Sunday were addressed by Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Quinn. Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington and Miss Laird. Meetings will now be held at the office regularly every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Contributions for a Jumble Sale, to be held on October 19, needed. Volunteers are asked for poster parading, handbill distributing, and paper selling in connection with the final demonstration next Sunday. This demonstration is in favour of the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Home Rule Bill.—(Office—Antient Concert Buildings, Great Brunwick Street, Dublin.)

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FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.

Meeting held Hampstead Town Hall last Friday. Speakers: Dr. Horton, Rev. Henry Gow, B.A., Miss Margaret Robertson, Dr. Frances Wylie; chair, Rev. C. Fleming Williams. During autumnal session of Congregational Union at Manchester a meeting will be held, Association Hall, October 16, 8 p.m. Chair, Rev. C. Fleming Williams; speakers, Councillor Margaret Ashton, M.A., Rev. E. T. Barsow, Miss Kate Hessel, Dr. Elizabeth Wilks.

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Mrs. Meeson Coates will be At Home at Glebe Studios, 55, Glebe Place, King's Road, Chelsea, on Tuesday, October 15, from 3.30 p.m. There will be an exhibition of posters and other pictorial work. Mrs. Louis Fagan has kindly consented to speak. Invitation cards may be had on application to Mrs. Meeson Coates at above address, or to the Secretary, The Suffrage Atelier, 6, Stanlake Villas, Shepherd's Bush.

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THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE

By the time speakers had ascended platform it was a case of "standing room only" at Criterion At Home, Friday last. Miss May Whitty, Mr. Baillie Weaver, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mrs. Pertwee, Mrs. de Fonblanque, and Professor Bickerton were the speakers. Miss Marie Tempest acted as hostess.—(Office—Robert Street, Adelphi, Strand, W.C.)

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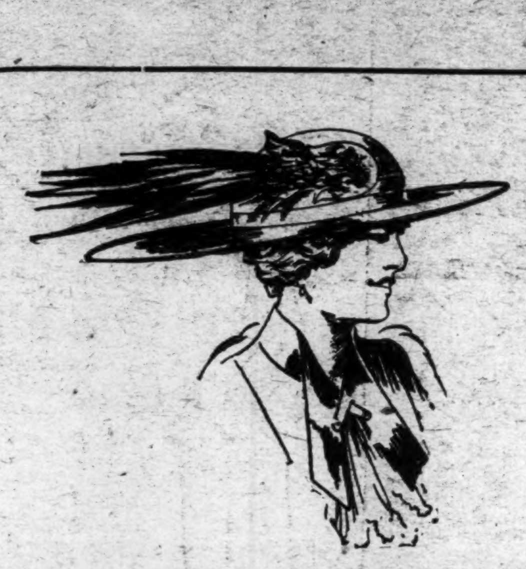

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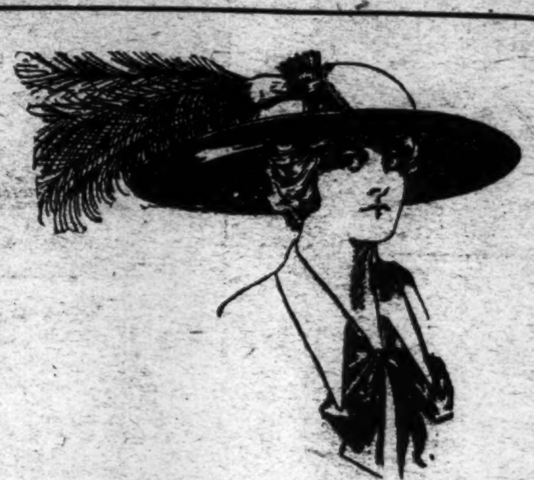

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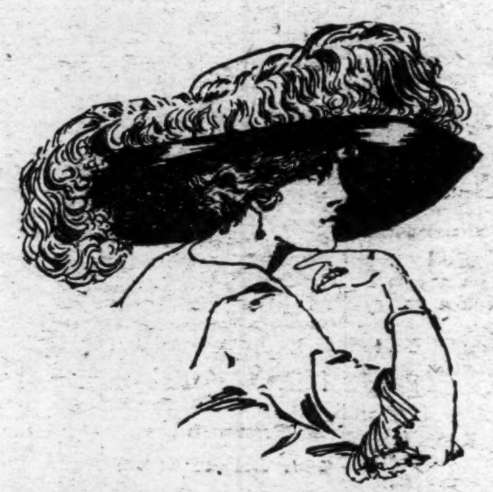

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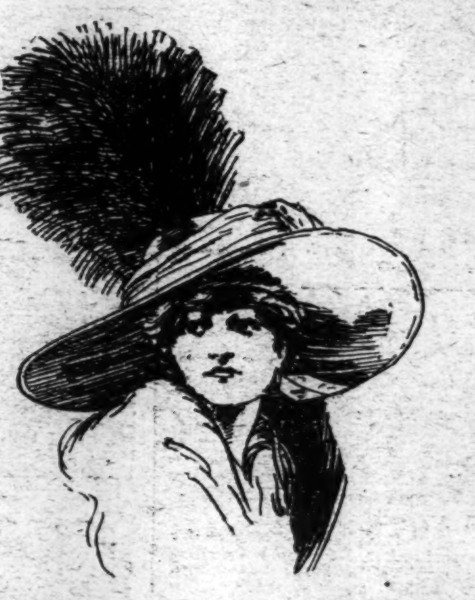

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